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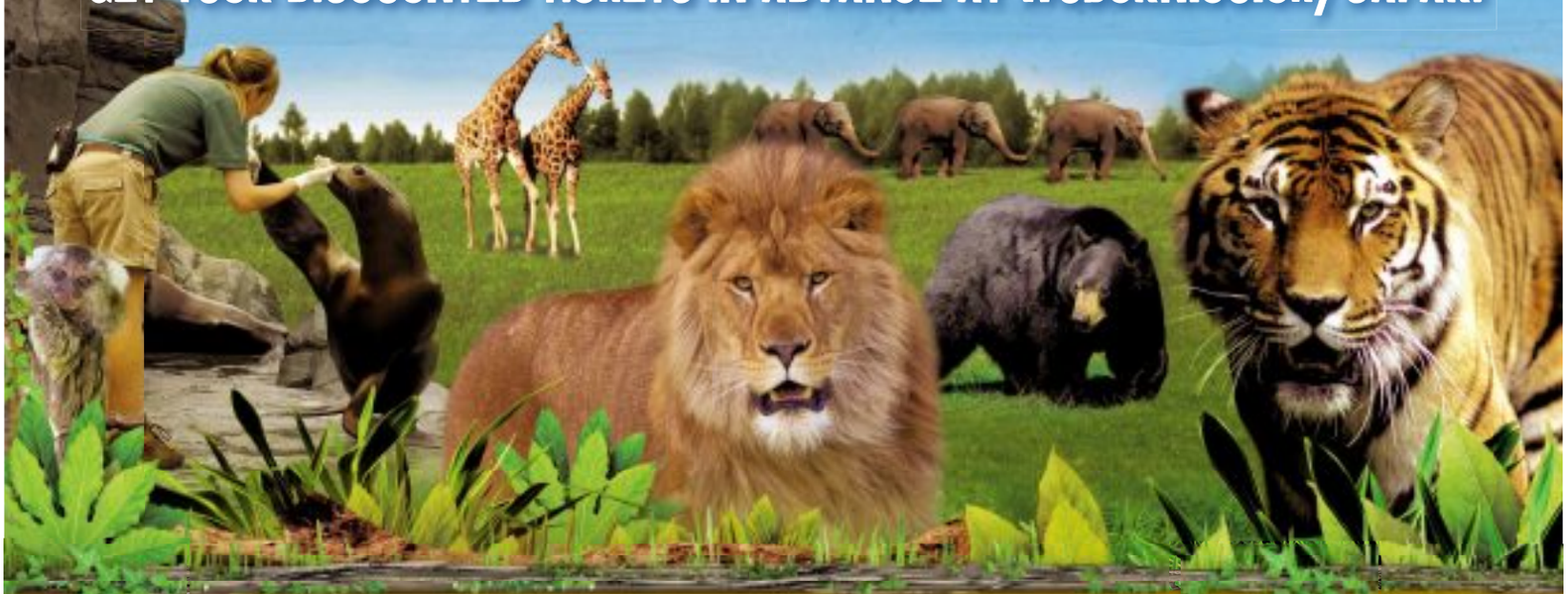

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THIS is how The Point could look if a proposal to redevelop the site gets the go-ahead. The plans were revealed in an exhibition last week - for more on the story, see page 2.

MK Lions are left homeless - again

BY ANNA MAUREMOOTOO
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- Team may have to leave the city after losing out to plans for more retail space
- Boss says sport 'not a priority' in MK

THE future looks bleak for MK Lions after they were kicked out of their den to make room for more retail space.

The basketball team are now looking for their third venue in just two-and-a-half years after a planning application to demolish the premises in Winterhill was submitted.

The Lions first moved to the city in 1998 and spent 11 years in Bletchley Leisure Centre.

They were set to move into arenamk but plans did not come into fruition and regeneration at the leisure centre meant the club had to temporarily move to Middleton Hall in thecentre:mk in January 2010.

Although a three-year deal was signed for the Winterhill site in September 2010, a clause in the contract forced them to vacate.

Owner Vince Macaulay said: "We moved out a few weeks ago.

"Four years ago we were champions and now we don't have anywhere to bounce a ball."

When asked what this meant for the future of basketball in Milton Keynes, Vince simply said he 'didn't know'.

He added: "There is not another venue big enough for us here. Sport in Milton Keynes isn't given priority."

The planning application is due to be discussed at a meeting of Milton Keynes Council's development control committee tomorrow and if given the go-ahead The Range will take up residence.

Simon Parsons, director of Albion Land, which owns the site, said: "The Lions knew that the contract was temporary."

MK NEWS comment

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THIS news is without doubt a bitter blow for everybody connected with the Lions.

When you attend games at Winterhill the passion for developing professional basketball in the city is clear, as are the hopes and dreams everyone has for the future.

Lions games are usually packed out, with a large number of that support being children, but now there is a very real fear that there will not be a team next season.

Vince Macaulay's admission that he does not know where the club will turn next is the aspect which is particularly worrying.

Lions do a lot of excellent work off the court at schools and in the community and their plight should worry the city's big hitters and spur people into action.

This season was a disappointing one as the team missed out on the play-offs, a performance which was miles away from the club's target of silverware.

Macaulay has stated a desire for Lions to bounce back and be the best team in the country but for now, that dream has to be put firmly on ice.

The only priority, and not for the first time, is ensuring that the Lions have a den to play in come October, so the city doesn't lose one of its sporting gems. It's time for MK to get behind the team and help them take to the court again next season.

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Council's Point of preserving history

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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AS PLANS to demolish The Point went on display last week, council officers have been looking into whether the iconic building can be temporarily listed.

Milton Keynes Council planning staff have been considering whether to serve a Building Preservation Notice (BPN) on the famous red pyramid after an application from a 'third party'.

Planning authorities have the power to serve a BPN on the owner of a building which is not listed, but which they consider is of special architectural or historic interest and is in danger of demolition or alteration in a way which would affect its character.

A BPN lasts for six months and carries the same rules as if the building has been listed.

During that time, the authority would request English Heritage to consider listing the building.

The decision on the BPN is set to be made at a meeting tomorrow night, and although officers are recommending one is not served, they have recognised that The Point is of 'considerable local significance' and 'arguably of national significance'.

They have also said they will monitor the situation and serve a BPN 'without delay' should the circumstances warrant it.

They will also be working with the landowner Hammerson and local stakeholder groups 'to pursue a scheme which ensures the national and local significance of The Point is preserved'.

Meanwhile, Hammerson is pleased with responses to its exhibition, which took place on Friday and Saturday at The Point.

Project director John Grinnell said: "The broad view seems to be one of accepting the city requires future generation, and this is one of those sites which has unfortunately become a bit of an eyesore.

"But in replacing that, people are keen to retain some reference back to what's here, that whatever we put in is still a very significant space, if not more so than it currently is."

You can comment at www.thepointmiltonkeynes.co.uk

Presentation: Mayor Catriona Morris and Sir Henry Aubrey-Fletcher, Lord Lieutenant of Buckinghamshire, with some of the people who received citizenship awards

Queen's county rep welcomes new citizens

THERE was a special visit from a representative of the Queen to welcome the country's newest citizens on Thursday.

Twenty-nine people from 14 different foreign countries received a special memento as they became citizens of Britain with a personal visit from the High Sheriff of Buckinghamshire.

Milton Keynes Council holds regular citizenship ceremonies in which immigrants that have proven their commitment to the United Kingdom take an oath of allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and become British nationals for the first time.

But as Thursday's ceremony came so close to the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations the occasion was marked by giving all the citizens this special way to remember the day.

The Lord Lieutenant of Buckinghamshire Sir Henry Aubrey-Fletcher, who is the Queen's representative in the county, attended together with Milton Keynes' first citizen, the Mayor of Milton Keynes Councillor Catriona Morris.

They officially welcomed the new citizens to Britain and presented them with their certificates, as well as other reminders of this auspicious event.

A marathon effort

A MAMMOTH running challenge kicks off on Friday as the founder of a city charity attempts 30 marathons in 30 days.

Charlie Wardle, founder of Climb Your Mountain, will cover 786 miles and is hoping to raise £30,000.

Mr Wardle is encouraging residents to run, jog or walk part or all of the course with him.

He said: "The more people who join in with me the better, they will help keep me going and more money will be raised and if you've never completed a marathon before this is a great opportunity in a non-competitive environment."

Joining Mr Wardle for part of the course will be the city's MPs Mark Lancaster and Iain Stewart and the former World Champion and Olympic silver medalist, badminton star Gail Emms.

The challenge is being sponsored by Fossil, the fashion store based in Milton Keynes.

A spokesman for the company said: "This is an unbelievable challenge, we loved the concept and are delighted to be involved".

For more information visit www.runwithcharlie.org.

Dog attacks girl in park

A FIFTEEN-YEAR-OLD girl needed surgery after she was attacked by a dog.

The victim was riding her bike through Rickley Park in Shenley Road, Bletchley, at about 9pm last Wednesday when she saw a man walking towards her with a large, black dog, thought to be a rottweiler.

As the man approached he struggled to control the dog so she went on to the grass to give them more room, but as she went past the dog lunged and bit her left knee causing her to fall off her bike.

The owner of the dog said he was going to get help but ran off leaving the victim on the ground.

Paramedics were called and the girl was taken to Milton Keynes Hospital where she underwent minor surgery to the wound on her leg and was later discharged.

The dog's owner is described as white, between 30 and 40 years old, 5ft 5ins, of large build and bald with short hair around the side. He was wearing a West Ham United T-shirt and light coloured denim jeans.

PC Rob Blake, of Milton Keynes Police Station, would like to hear from anyone who was in the area at the time of the incident. Anyone with information should call 101.

Pole apart: The lorry's load was damaged after it hit the bridge in Two Mile Ash

Lorry's 'pole' smashed in crash with bridge

A LORRY was 'pole-axed' on Monday after it hit a bridge in a crash with a trike.

This was the aftermath when the Iveco lorry, which was carrying a telegraph pole, shed its load following the smash.

Police were called around 10.30am by paramedics, and firefighters were called just after 11.30am to the accident on the H3 Monks Way in Two Mile Ash, next to the Abbey Hill Golf Course.

Luckily, no-one was seriously harmed during the incident, which also involved a Harley Davidson tricycle.

The scene was then left with Milton Keynes Council officers to ensure the bridge was safe.

False carer's sex attack on nan, 70

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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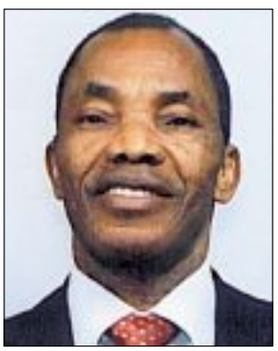
A GRANDDAUGHTER has spoken of a 'sick' sex attack on her 70-year-old nan by a man who was supposed to be her carer.

The great-grandmother of three was assaulted by a man who had used a false identity to get a job in her care home, which cannot be named for legal reasons.

And police are so concerned he could still be working as a carer elsewhere that they have released this image of a man they want to speak to in connection with the horrific attack.

In September 2010 the man, whose true identity is not known, assaulted the woman while she was being washed.

She did not report the matter at the time, but told female carers a year later. The police were first notified on September 21, 2011, and an investigation was launched. Now a granddaughter of the woman, who also cannot be named for legal reasons, has called for people to come forward with information.



Police want to speak to this man

She said: "If he can do it once who knows how many victims like my nan he has attacked.

"He needs to be caught and face the consequences of his actions.

"If you are reading this then hand yourself in.

"I can't really describe what I think of him, how could he do this.

"It made us all feel sick to our stomachs, he was supposed to be caring for her."

If you can help, contact DC Liz Batchelor via the 24-hour police enquiry centre on 101, or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or www.crimestoppers-uk.org.

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Burglary awareness

POLICE are reminding homeowners to remain vigilant over the summer months. In around 25 per cent of break-ins that take place in the spring and summer months, entry is gained through unsecure windows and doors, especially at the rear of the property. Ensure that windows and doors are closed and locked when you are out. Don't leave small windows open believing them to be safe.

Write a will for Willen

WILL month is coming to Milton Keynes throughout June. During this period a number of local solicitors and will writers will be giving their time free to write a will for anyone who leaves a gift or a donation to Willen Hospice. Paul Hinson, chief executive of the hospice, said: "Leaving a gift in a will ensures that the hospice can continue." For more information visit www.willen-hospice.org.uk.

Long waits to see GPs explained

'SUBSTANDARD premises' are one of the reasons why some patients are facing long queues to get GP appointments.

That's according to the city's top GP after reports of queues of up to 30 people at Wolverton Health Centre.

Nicola Smith, chairman of the NHS Milton Keynes Clinical Commissioning Group and a GP in Bletchley, said the queueing may also be down to other factors, such as an influx of people moving into the city.

Patients in Wolverton have been complaining of long morning waits to book appointments to see a GP.

Dr Smith said: "If appointments are hard to come by over the telephone, then people tend to vote with their feet and queue up.

"It would seem there's a huge amount of demand for appointments and in the morning phone lines can become jammed, so people queue outside, as the expectation is that they're more likely to get an appointment.

"I think the problem Wolverton surgery has is that it is working from substandard premises and there's a plan in place to get new premises with new systems.

"These plans will help to deal with the demand more efficiently."

But Dr Smith said, with the current situation in the NHS, there is a delay on carrying these plans out.

She added: "I think demand is high across Milton Keynes and nearly every surgery will have people waiting outside to get in early, but you get that at Tesco in the morning as well.

"I think people moving here has had an impact, some surgeries are more affected than others such as the ones on the boundaries of the city."

But she added she was pleased people are raising these problems, as it will help the commissioning group to improve services.

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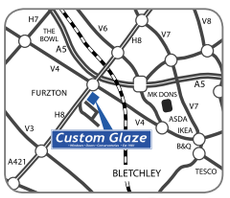

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Thoughts on the news MK is actually a county

■ SIR - In view of the splendid news that Milton Keynes is a county, I hope mayor Catriona Morris will as soon as possible ask the Queen to appoint a Lord Lieutenant, and perhaps a High Sheriff as well, so that we can celebrate her jubilee with the pomp proper to our true status.
Richard Sturch
Stacey Bushes

■ SIR - As if it wasn't enough that some people are obsessed with getting MK its city status, we apparently now have our own county.

Why are so many people under the illusion that if we can call MK a city/county it will make it a better place to live? Will it make our pothole-filled roads better? No. Will it rid our streets of muggers/gangs and remove the 'anti-social element'? No.

Will it mean a decrease in unemployment figures? No.

It's just a suggestion from an MK resident but maybe Cllr Morris should focus on the important issues.

This reads as a rather obvious and pointless attempt to elevate Milton Keynes above other towns.

Does Cllr Morris really believe that it makes any difference to young people what Milton Keynes is actually called?

You are either proud to be from Milton Keynes or not but calling it a city/county will not suddenly make people change their mind or act differently.

Next thing you know we will be declaring independence from the UK and we'll be known as the country of Milton Keynes.
Mr Underhill
Sent by e-mail

A welcome to the county of Milton Keynes sign on the A428 near Yardley Hastings

■ SIR - Well done to our new mayor, Cllr Morris, for pushing the idea that Milton Keynes is a county. The simple fact is that we are, already, legally a county - so let's be proud of it, boast about it and enjoy it.

Promoting MK as a county is a far better use of the council's limited time and budgets than the endless and expensive attempts to get ourselves recognised as a city.

That said, I for one will continue to refer to MK as a city even though we aren't - but whenever the opportunity arises I will delight in pointing out that we are actually a whole county too.
Neil Cutland
Sent by e-mail

■ SIR - How incredibly pompous! How can a man made town be given county status? MK is a great shopping centre with a nice theatre and sporting facilities surrounded by Buckinghamshire villages!
Netta Glover
Sent by e-mail

■ SIR - MK should be a city with its own county area - to criticise it for being 'man made' when all towns are man made is a little bit daft. It's been a tremendous success at creating a city from scratch and it's about time that was recognised.
Tom Walker
Sent by e-mail

■ SIR - I am surprised this wasn't widely known, I certainly have been aware of this and told many people. I have been waiting for the signs saying Buckinghamshire to be replaced for years.

However we are still part of the 'ceremonial county' of Buckinghamshire, a position that doesn't mean anything except you can say you are from both.

More importantly the argument isn't about if Milton Keynes is a city. The definition of city means different things to different people. It is about being granted city status by royal charter.

I personally don't care about a royal charter and consider Milton Keynes to be a city already, but if other people want to lobby for an anachronistic title for reasons of tourism or even the deadly sin of pride then don't let me stop them.
Iain Sear
Sent by e-mail

■ SIR - What a load of cobblers, Milton Keynes is named after a village as we all know, it's in the county of Buckinghamshire.

Bletchley was the main town serving Bedford and Northampton. I cannot see why it needs to be called a city - it has a shopping centre where shops come and go and houses galore. Go and ask the real local people what they think and not newcomers, after all if it was not for most of our old farmers selling up there would be no central Milton Keynes - it's a very large town with suburbs, in a nutshell.
Maggie Spencer
Sent by e-mail

Delighted flag work has been undertaken

SIR - I am writing in response to the article that appeared last week under the headline 'Royal problem for jubilee flag launch'.

The opening paragraph about a fallout between councillors is very far from the truth and needs to be corrected.

On November 1, 2011, the projects committee of the town council agreed to ask the deputy town clerk to investigate what projects were planned in the town for the jubilee weekend. The council had no wish to duplicate activity within the community but wished to ensure that the weekend was marked in some suitable way.

The following month, it also agreed to a budget of £1,500 to support celebrations. In addition, a small working group was established to take forward the council's plans for a fun run and Big Lunch.

The first that the council knew formally about the woollen flag was via a request for endorsement from councillor Paul Bartlett at the March projects committee, by which time the council's budget was already allocated and planning for the events well under way.

The whole point about the jubilee weekend is to encourage community events.

I am delighted, therefore, that HCS Crafts has undertaken this initiative.

I also understand that the Mayor of Milton Keynes has been asked to unveil the flag on June 5 when the High Street is closed for the day – a much more suitable occasion and position than a fun run and Big Lunch.
Robert Gifford
Chairman, Stony Stratford Town Council

DLA is vital for people with sight problems

SIR - Every day blind and partially sighted people face extra costs as a direct result of living with sight loss. Disability Living Allowance (DLA) helps cover some of these expenses, so I am extremely concerned by the Government's plans to replace it, spending 20 per cent less on a new benefit - Personal Independence Payment (PIP).

The proposed test for PIP fails to recognise the challenges faced by people living with sight loss.

This could leave thousands of people without support to do everyday things that people with sight take for granted.

This could be paying for assistance with repairs or cleaning around the home, or food labelling systems to ensure they don't eat food which has gone off.

Assistive technology that makes blind and partially sighted people independent, is very expensive. DLA covers only part of that cost.

The Government said that PIP would be fair and support disabled people to remain independent, yet many blind and partially sighted people will be excluded.

I have asked my MP to write to the Government raising these concerns on my behalf, because the help blind and partially sighted people get from DLA is not a luxury, it means that they can live independently.

If you have concerns about PIP, or would like to find out more information and help to contact your MP, visit the RNIB website at www.rnib.org.uk/pip.
Padma Cheriyan
Bletchley

Times change and we need to keep up

SIR - It is so annoying when filling in forms etc to have to tick the Buckinghamshire box when we know that we are Milton Keynes independent authority.

When will the world catch up with the 21st century?
Ann Grey
Sent by e-mail

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Caldecotte Lake: A specialist search team found a body on Sunday

Safety fears after swimmer's death

BY ANNA MAUREMOOTOO
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A TRAGIC death has sparked a campaign urging residents to take care in the waterways.

The body of a 21-year-old man was recovered from Caldecotte Lake on Sunday.

Police were called to the area at 6.30pm on Saturday after reports that the man, who has not yet been named, had gone missing while swimming.

Now SaferMK has relaunched its water safety initiative in conjunction with The Parks Trust and Buckinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service to remind people of the dangers of waterways.

Richard Solly, head of community safety, said: "If you're thinking of going swimming in a lake or mucking about in a canal don't, if you want to go swimming then go to a swimming pool."

Although the death is not being treated as suspicious, police are still calling for witnesses.

Bobbie Barton left a tribute on the MK NEWS website which read: "You were taken too soon. You will be missed and always remembered."

An inquest into the man's death is due to be opened on Friday.

Firefighters were also called to rescue two boys who were playing near the Grafton Street Aqueduct using a makeshift waterslide made out of old drainage pipes at the weekend.

One of the boys, who had a suspected broken ankle, had to be rescued from a precarious position next to a weir, before being carried across a stream on a stretcher. Both boys were taken to hospital by paramedics.

Chris Bailey, head of the fire and rescue service's community safety team, said: "Any stretch of water, still or flowing, has the capability to kill."

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Bin collections

RECYCLING and refuse collections will take place as normal up to and including Friday. During the following week, collections will take place one day later than usual. Normal collections will resume on Monday, June 11.

Sponsor a child

A CHARITY based in the city is asking residents to 'Sponsor a Child'. Young People are our Future is asking for £3.50 to put a child through their entire course which includes life skills training, community workshops and employability training. Donations can be made through the website www.youngpeoplearefourfuture.org.

Serious assault

A 17-YEAR-OLD suffered serious facial injuries after he was assaulted at a pub on Saturday. An altercation took place at the Cricketers pub in Oldbrook at around 8.40pm and left the teenager needing hospital treatment. The suspect is described as a white man, about 23 to 26 years old, slim, with short brown spiky hair and wearing glasses. Anyone with information should call police on 101.

Man flashes woman

POLICE would like to speak to this man in connection with an exposure on Tuesday last week.

At around 11.55pm a woman was smoking outside a house in Brill Place, Bradwell Common, when a man walked up the driveway exposing and touching himself inappropriately.

The offender did not speak, he turned away and the victim went inside and shut the door.

The man was white, between 20 and 25, 5ft 8ins, of medium build and clean shaven. He was wearing a black jacket with the hood done up tightly around his neck and face and jeans.

Police would like to speak to anyone who can help identify

the man in the e-fit or witnessed the incident or a man acting suspiciously. Anyone with information should call PC Atif Karim on 101, or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Neighbour to the rescue

A NEIGHBOUR stopped a burglar getting away with a bag of personal possessions.

At about 6pm on Thursday a resident in Pattinson Lane, Woolstone, saw someone in his neighbour's house.

As he approached the property, the offender was climbing out of the side window and the neighbour shouted at him.

The man dropped the bag, climbed over a fence and ran away empty handed.

The offender is in his 20s, 5ft 10ins, of stocky build with short dark hair. He was bare chested and wearing blue jeans.

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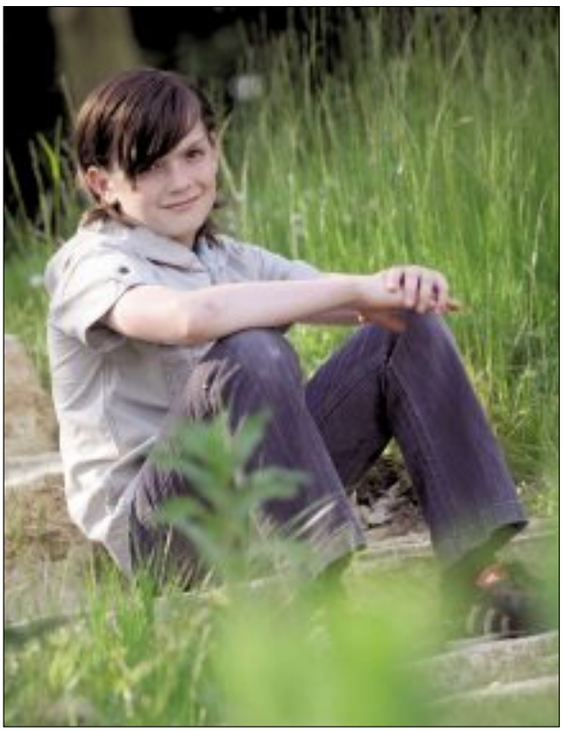

Stars in his eyes: Ten-year-old Blake White

Blake, 10, set for big time on small screen

THE next big star could be from right here in Milton Keynes.

Or more specifically Conniburrow - that's because it's the home of ten-year-old Blake White, who is set to appear on the small screen in a new children's show.

Already Blake is making a name for himself, having appeared in Cartoon Network favourite Ben 10, two short films, live on stage in a Shakespeare production and as a model for retail giant Marks and Spencer.

His latest role will see him in children's show Nemesis, which stars former Home and Away actress Melissa George.

Blake said: "I'm hoping to be an actor, singer or dancer.

"I'm a good singer and I've got some good moves for dancing."

He has attended city theatre arts school StageCoach for five years and mum Jayne says he is made for stardom.

She said: "He's always been dancing," she said. "We have pictures of him doing it at 18 months old."

Add your voice to clear a war hero

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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WE WANT you to support a campaign to have a war hero's name cleared.

MK NEWS is supporting MP Iain Stewart in his efforts to have Alan Turing's conviction for homosexuality quashed.

On Thursday, Mr Stewart stood up in Parliament and asked the Government to look again at his conviction, and 'explore all possibilities' into how the computer pioneer's name can be cleared.

As part of his speech, Mr Stewart said we 'owe our very liberty to his work and his genius'.

MK NEWS agrees, so we are calling on all of those in the city who want to see the codebreaker finally honoured in the proper way to get in touch with Mr Stewart.

In March the Leader of the House of Commons, Sir George Young, said a pardon for Turing is not legally feasible as the offence should not have existed, and he added it could only happen if new evidence came to light to show that the conviction should not have taken place.

So Mr Stewart has suggested another way Turing's conviction could be rescinded.

The recently-passed Protection of Freedoms Act 2012 allows a person who has been convicted or received a caution for an offence under sections 12 or 13 of the Sexual Offences Act 1956 to apply to have this 'disregarded'.

These are the same offences for which Turing was convicted and Mr Stewart wants this disregard to be applied posthumously.

He will now be following this up personally with the Justice Minister and the Attorney General, and comments from the public can be handed to them.

Write to Office of Iain Stewart MP, House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA, or e-mail iain.stewart.mp@parliament.uk to add your voice to the effort.

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Love Music Hate Racism

YOUNG singers, dancers, poets and other talents are needed to be part of MK Council's annual Love Music Hate Racism event in July. Auditions are taking place on Friday between 4 and 6.30pm and on Saturday, June 9 from 1-4pm at The Spot Cafe, The Point. For information, or to book tickets, call Rob May on 07947 840593, or e-mail rob.may@milton-keynes.gov.uk.

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Lucky pair to be presented to royal couple after big ballot

THE lucky people who will get to meet the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh following a public ballot have been named.

Philip Tilley of Great Holm was the 60th person drawn out of a special ballot for people to attend a three counties garden party on June 25, and will be presented to the Queen.

Yvonne Baker from Olney was drawn 65th, so will be presented to Prince Philip.

Mr Tilley, who found out about the ballot through his involvement with TS Whaddon Sea Cadets, said: "To have the opportunity to go to the Queen's garden party and to be presented to the Queen is a tremendous honour."

Africa Day celebrated in the city

THERE was a big celebration of Africa Day for the first time in the city on Saturday.

Mayor Catriona Morris joined members of Milton Keynes' African community at the Church of Christ the Cornerstone for speeches and musical performances.

Every May 25 Africa Day is celebrated across the world to mark the formation of the Organisation of African Unity in 1963, a group representing 54 of the continent's countries to tackle issues such as poverty and armed conflict, but this was the first time a city event was held.

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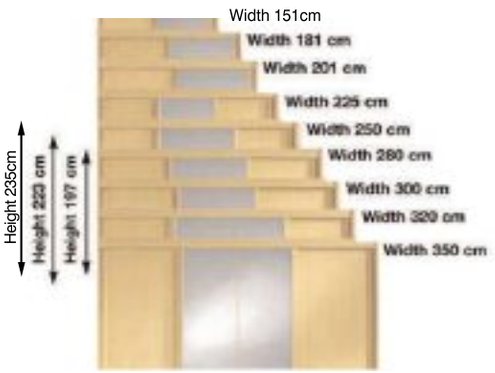

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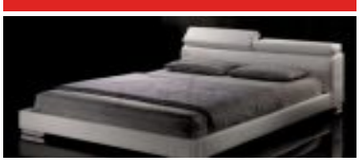

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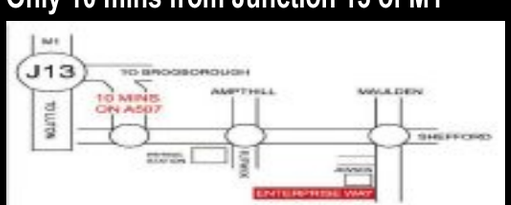

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Pride of England: John Barnes announces Aidan Hogg and Ethan Wallbank as flag bearers along with Les Dwomoh, Nicholas Greening, Shaun Green, Coby Rowe Fergus Morgan and Jay Denniston who all play for Special Olympics Unified Football clubs across the country

Footballers will fly the flag for England

BY ANNA MAUREMOOTOO
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TWO budding football stars have been given the chance of a lifetime as they prepare to step out on to the pitch with the England team.

Aidan Hogg, 14, from Kingsmead and Ethan Wallbank, 13, from Emerson Valley are two of the eight lucky youngsters chosen to represent the nation as flag bearers at England's first Euro 2012 match against France.

The boys play for Special Olympics Unified Football, a team that encourages people with learning disabilities to play with able bodied teens and break down barriers through sport.

Aidan, who is intellectually disabled, said: "I might be a bit nervous but going to the Euros and getting to walk out on the pitch to hold the England flag is a dream come true, it will be something I'll never forget."

This exciting opportunity has been offered by Coca-Cola to celebrate 34 years working with Special Olympics Great Britain, the country's largest provider of year-round sports training and competition for people with learning disabilities.

Ethan said: "I play in goal and I just can't believe I am going to meet Joe Hart, my favourite player in the world. It's going to be the best thing ever, I'm so excited to be going to the Euros."

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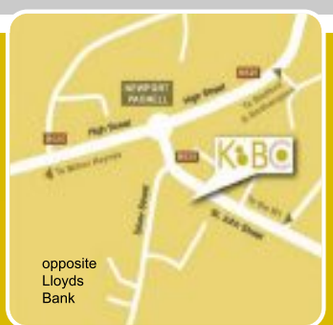

OU grant to look for life on Mars

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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THE search for life on Mars can now be stepped up thanks to a number of grants totalling almost £700,000.

The Open University (OU) has received three funding awards equalling £682,656 from the UK Space Agency's £2million allocation for science-associated with Mars exploration.

The projects will enhance the UK's science capabilities and help understand the Martian environment and its potential for life.

Professor Simon Kelley, director of the Centre for Earth, Planetary, Space and Astronomical Research at the OU, said: "The science faculty has an international reputation and a great heritage in planetary, space science and astronomy research, and we continue our involvement in missions such as ROSETTA which will land on a comet in 2014.

"We have an excellent laboratory infrastructure here at the OU and that's allowing us to pursue exciting science and study potential habitats that might support life on Mars."

And this good news was delivered as the secretary of state for international development, Andrew Mitchell, and MP Mark Lancaster visited to take a tour of the OU.

Visit: Mark Lancaster MP and minister Andrew Mitchell with vice-chancellor Martin Bean and Geraint Morgan from the OU

While there, they were shown a portable device being developed by OU scientists to improve diagnosis of tuberculosis in Africa.

Known as a mass spectrometer, it was initially developed for the ROSETTA space mission and it is hoped it can be used in the field rather than a laboratory, making tuberculosis diagnosis more cost-effective and rapid.

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Flats damaged in huge mystery fire

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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NINETEEN people had to be evacuated as a fire ripped through a block of flats.

At its peak there were more than 30 firefighters at the scene in Boycott Avenue, Oldbrook, on Thursday afternoon.

A top-floor flat was destroyed and the roofs of two others were badly damaged in the blaze, while others in the 39-unit building were damaged by smoke and water.

The cause of the fire is being investigated as there was no-one in the flat where the blaze is believed to have started.

Greg Smith, service delivery manager for Milton Keynes, said: "The incident caused significant damage and disruption, but we are all relieved that no-one was hurt."

He added that he believes the damage would have been much less severe had domestic sprinklers been fitted to the building, and has renewed calls for new builds to have them added.

Meanwhile, dozens more residents were inconvenienced by the fire.

One, who did not wish to be named, lives in a flat at the end of the block, which was the furthest away from the fire, but her door was broken down as part of the evacuation procedure.

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Major new plans for MacIntyre site

BY DAN PALMER
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A CITY charity for people with learning difficulties has submitted plans for a major redevelopment of its flagship Great Holm site.

MacIntyre, which provides specialist support and care services for people with conditions such as autism, wants to transform its current base into a 'modern working and learning environment'.

Additional facilities for people with more severe learning disabilities and greater access to the new facilities for the community are envisioned as part of the plans, which will be put to Milton Keynes Council.

The charity's head of operations Anna Perry said: "The centre at Great Holm has served us well but we are now poised to move into an exciting new phase.

"This initiative means a great deal to all of us at MacIntyre and if planning approval is obtained, it will ensure we are best placed to meet the current and future needs of the people we support and mean that they receive the care and support they need to live happy, safe and fulfilled lives.

"We have taken every care with the design to ensure that the new building fits into the environment, retains its iconic features, meets modern operating requirements and standards and allows us to plan for future needs."

The plans would see the demolition and complete refurbishment of the current Moot Hall to provide administration, training, education and care facilities.

A plunge pool, an extended bakery and coffee shop with outside terrace and an extension providing specialist residential care accommodation for up to six people have also been included in the blueprints.

MacIntyre's headquarters are in CMK and the charity has been operating its Great Holm site for 25 years.

It delivers services to more than 150 people across the city, employing over 250 staff.

The charity says that it is investing 'substantially' in the project and that 98 per cent of people spoken to during a public consultation backed the plans.

"I am pleased to say that overwhelmingly they have been very positive about our plans," Mrs Perry added.

A decision is expected by late June and work could then start as early as September.

Members of MacIntyre's bakery team at the Great Holm site

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Novel celebrates 'vibrant' city vibe

BY ANNA MAUREMOOTOO
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THE author of a new novel that is set in Milton Keynes is hoping to change readers' perceptions of the city.

'Can't Live Without' follows Stella, a single mother who loses everything in a house fire and celebrates the vibrant atmosphere of Milton Keynes.

Author Joanne Philips lived in Downs Barn for several years and chose to set her debut novel in the city to celebrate all it has to offer.

After 20 years experience in the city, including working at Milton Keynes Library, she believes she is well equipped to portray everything it has to offer.

She said: "Too often Milton Keynes is portrayed as very one-dimensional, nothing more than dual-carriageways and concrete cows.

"The novel celebrates the clean, vibrant atmosphere of the city.

"Milton Keynes reflects the theme of starting all over again perfectly. All the main characters live here and their love for the city shines through."

According to Joanne the book tackles difficult issues in a light-hearted way and has already proven to be a hit with readers.

Author: Joanne Philips shows readers what the city has to offer

She said: "The main character, Stella, has to figure out just what it is she really can't live without – how many of us have also had to reassess our priorities lately? I started this novel before the recession hit, but it seems even more poignant now."

The book is available in e-book format from Amazon, and will also be published in paperback next month. In the spirit of e-publishing Joanne held a virtual book launch.

She said: "We had an online party on my blog, Facebook and Twitter. I was amazed at how much fun it was and there was no clearing up to do afterwards."

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'Petty' party politics over photograph

From top: Cec Tallack, Andrew Geary and Norman Miles

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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A 'PETTY' argument is brewing at Milton Keynes Council – only four weeks after the election.

The Conservative party has accused the Liberal Democrats of 'bad sportsmanship', claiming that their opponents refused to take part in a full council photograph after the annual council meeting last Wednesday.

But this is a claim the Lib Dems have rubbished, saying that a photograph was mentioned but no formal approach was made to the group about it.

Conservative council leader Andrew Geary said: "It is a shame that petty politics were allowed to come into play over something so simple as a photo.

"Their behaviour makes it abundantly clear that the Liberal Democrats are being sore losers, having lost numerous seats to both Labour and us at the elections.

"I would have hoped this could have been put aside by now so we can get on with the business of running the council and working together for the better of the people of Milton Keynes."

But Lib Dem deputy leader Cec Tallack has hit back at these claims.

He said: "I'm quite dumfounded about how petty things can get, if that's what they are saying.

"It's remarkably petty.

"If the Conservatives haven't got anything else to talk about, that's a pretty poor reflection of them to be honest.

"I don't think it's the kind of thing that's important to people in the borough."

Labour group leader Norman Miles said he had heard a rumour that the Lib Dems had refused to be in the photo, but that it hadn't been confirmed.

He added: "It sounds like a storm in a teacup to me.

"It's a pity it didn't happen as it's a nice thing to do."

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Parish fires kids' Olympic passion

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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Simpson School's Nassir Abdul hands over to Hedgerow's Dhikra Ali

SOME people just couldn't wait for the Olympic torch to reach Milton Keynes.

So instead of sitting patiently, those living in the Woughton area decided to create their own.

With the Olympic-themed Woughton Carnival just around the corner, Woughton Community Council is getting children and schools in the parish excited for the 'biggest show on earth' by getting them involved in their very own relay.

The Woughton Community Council Olympic torch relay is now well underway, with the torch already on the second leg of its six-week journey.

The golden torch will be passed between the parish's schools, having started its journey on May 21 at Simpson School.

Then on Friday, children from the school handed it over to youngsters at Hedgerows children's centre in Langland Road, Netherfield.

It will remain there for a few more days before it continues its trip to Moorlands, MK Academy, and finishes at Falconhurst School.

Each school will personalise the torch before handing it on, with school-children as torch bearers.

The torch will then be carried in the carnival procession on June 30, which starts at Langland School and winds its way through the estates of Woughton, ending its journey at the Woughton Leisure Centre.

Once there an action packed afternoon of fun and activities will take place.

Kathy Mattram, Woughton Community Council's environment officer, said: "The kids are loving it.

"Each school is doing something different with it, for example at Simpson School they did a relay around their field.

"So it seems all of the children are really embracing the Olympic Games and this torch relay together."

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Rugby ace aiming to tackle bullying

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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ENGLAND rugby world cup-winning legend Ben Cohen has visited the city to raise awareness of his new anti-bullying foundation.

Last year Ben launched his StandUp Foundation, which raises money to support groups doing work to raise awareness and tackle bullying.

On Thursday he stopped by Hazard Alley, the safety centre in Kiln Farm, along with Northampton schoolchildren whose had been paid for by the foundation.

As well as teaching children about safety in the real world, Hazard Alley teaches youngsters about online safety and how to deal with situations where they are being bullied over the internet.

Ben said: "Our foundation is about building awareness of and support for organisations that do real-world work.

"We want to tackle all types of bullying, such as that of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) community – but that of anyone who is perceived to be different."

StandUp to bullies: Ben Cohen with children from Eastfield Primary School in Northampton and PCSO Jan Rice at Hazard Alley

The group raises money by selling products such as wristbands and T-shirts and doesn't apply for grants.

"When we set up we made sure we didn't compete with similar organisations that do work like us," Ben said.

"We don't want to go for the same grants, we want to support them and give them money.

"So we get our money by selling products."

The group is making waves on both sides of the Atlantic, having a base in America, and has already signed up with companies such as Microsoft to promote itself and educate children about bullying. Sir Elton John is also a big supporter.

Ben added: "We want to create a movement and to drive a cultural change."

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The essentials: MP Mark Lancaster on a visit to The Webber Independent School to learn about the course with, *from left*, Sean Crompton, George Burgess, Ayaka Soyama, Peter Boyd and Alice Bailey

Life skills taught in the classroom

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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ALL students in Milton Keynes now have the chance to learn essential life skills - everything from boiling an egg to opening a bank account.

The Webber Independent School, in Stantonbury Fields, has launched a life skills after-school class called Excellence in the Fundamentals.

Attendees can learn a long list of skills over a six-week period, including how to sew on a button, greet an adult, and show respect for elders including holding doors open and polite address. Each student will also learn their national insurance number by heart.

Soon to be incorporated into the school's curriculum, the class is also open to students and non-students for free - pupils from any school in the city can join the class every Thursday after school.

It is the brainchild of vice-principal Hilary Marsden, after she worked with students in Dubai who were moving from school to university, but still didn't know how to do some of the basics.

She said: "As we are all acutely aware, this is one of the most challenging times for school leavers seeking employment, and the investment in education has never been a higher priority on parents' agenda.

"We want to better prepare our students for life beyond education with skills that are used daily and will make that individual stand out as a competent person in all areas, as well as receiving a good education."

The class is a free weekly activity and students/parents must book in advance by calling 01908 574740 or visiting www.webberindependentschool.co.uk.

Liam's Top day out at national game finals

ONE 11-year-old had a top day to trump all others when he met Sir Steve Redgrave.

Long Meadow School pupil Liam Heywood Kenny chatted to the rowing legend after reaching the National Top Trumps School Tournament final in London on May 19.

He saw off 100,000 children from across the UK in heats of the card game to make the grand final, but narrowly missed out to the overall winner, finishing third.

Liam also got to see London's Olympic Park and said afterwards: "It was great, Sir Steve is a legend." Sir Steve was the official ambassador and 'face' of the 2012 Top Trumps Schools tournament.

Budding chef scoops the Student of the Year award

A YOUNG man who has landed his dream job working in the kitchen of a world-famous restaurant has been named Student of the Year.

Daniel Treadwell, Milton Keynes College's top student, is learning his trade alongside celebrity chef Raymond Blanc at his two-star Michelin restaurant Le Manoir Aux Quat'Saisons near Oxford.

Daniel has also greatly impressed the restaurant's executive chef Gary Jones with his knowledge, practical skills and passion for food.

He was one of 18 students honoured for their work in front of a host of dignitaries such as the mayor and MPs at the college's annual awards.

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Shenley maths sets the standard

SHENLEY Brook End School has been identified by Ofsted as 'an example of best practice for other schools to emulate' after achieving an outstanding rating for its mathematics. It was given the accolade after a report by the watchdog emphasising the importance for every pupil to have the best possible mathematics education.

Artsmark for six city schools

SIX schools in the city have achieved an Artsmark award. Slated Row School, Stantonbury Campus, Brooksward, Oldbrook First School, Loughton Manor First School and Wavendon Gate School have all been awarded the mark by the national Artsmark programme, which enables schools, further education colleges and youth justice settings to celebrate, strengthen and evaluate the arts activities they provide.

History in the making

STUDENTS from St Mary and St Giles School in Stony Stratford went back in time at an archeological dig. They were invited to look at the work going on in 'area 11' near the town and one student even found a piece of a Victorian dinner plate.

Gymnastics for all after grant

A GYM club has become one of the biggest in the UK and has even achieved Ofsted Registration after a £50,000 Sport England Grant. MK Springers, now based in Kiln Farm, is now working with schools and offering holiday courses following a big expansion.

Kids' garden is blooming lovely

EMPLOYEES at Santander have brought the ideas of budding garden designers to life. As part of extensive landscaping works at Loughton School, pupils got together to design a large raised flower bed which a 12-strong team from the bank brought to reality.

Torch lights school's imagination

PUPILS at a school in Bletchley are getting fired up for the Olympics as they prepare to welcome the famous flame. The Olympic Torch is going past Chestnuts Primary School on July 9 at 10am and the excited students are using the opportunity to hold their own Olympic-themed day with acrobatics and a dance.

Pizza fun helps to learn

READING, design technology and maths were all at the centre of a won-dough-ful day at Stoke Goldington CE First School, as pupils made pizza to learn about things such as weights and measurements.

Recycling makes prizes

AS PART of Great Linford Parish Council's Big Tidy Up campaign, school children were challenged to design something new from stuff destined for landfill. Joshua Lowe, seven, from Southwood School won a trip to an environmental centre with his plant terrarium made from a plastic bottle, and Christopher Phillips four, from Great Linford Primary School, won a teddy bears' picnic with his wall hanging organiser made of an old pair of shorts.

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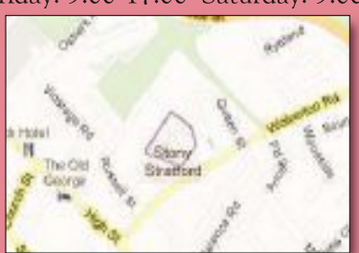

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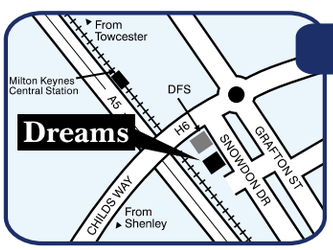

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John is looking after waterway

Chairman: John Best at the Grand Union Canal

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THE former chief executive of Milton Keynes Council is taking on a key role in the running of the city's waterway.

John Best has been appointed as the chairman of the South East Waterways Partnership and will help influence and advise how the waterway should be managed.

He has recruited five members from a broad range of backgrounds to join him on the partnership.

He said: "We've selected a great team of individuals with the right mix of skills and outlook to help deliver the partnership objectives."

Initially the partnership will be creating a strategic vision for the waterway as a focus for development, fundraising and community engagement.

Mr Best said: "In the first year I want the partnership to build strong links with organisations, interests and individuals from right across the communities through which our waterway runs."

As an experienced town planner, urbanist and trustee director of Bedford Milton Keynes Waterway Trust Mr Best will be bringing plenty of experience to the partnership.

He added: "The waterway is here to add value, delight and seduce a few more million people to add to the 13million nationally who already actively enjoy it."

As of July a new charity, The Canal & River Trust will be taking over the management of the 2,000 miles of canals in England and Wales from British Waterways.

This move is the first major transfer of state run infrastructure into the charitable sector and will form one of the largest charities in the UK.

Waterways partnership boards have been established in each region to aid the trust.

Three or four more members will be added to the South East partnership at the first meeting due to take place in the coming weeks.

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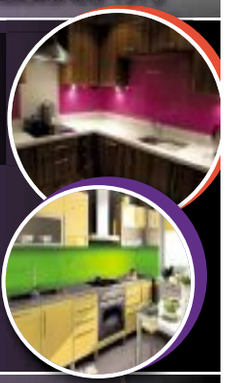

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Review over use of Khat

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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THE Home Secretary wants to hear about people's experiences of a legal drug.

Theresa May recently wrote to city MP Mark Lancaster, stating evidence from constituents of harm caused by khat will be taken into consideration as part of a Government monitoring exercise.

Mr Lancaster and other city residents have been campaigning to outlaw khat, as the UK will soon be the only place in Europe where it is legal, with the Netherlands set to outlaw it this year.

Last week, Mr Lancaster spoke in Parliament to draw attention to this fact. Mrs May said the Government is monitoring the situation carefully and will rely on evidence provided by both the Serious Organised Crime Agency and the Advisory Council for the Misuse of Drugs.

Khat is widely used within the Somali community.

Adan Kahin, MD of Milton Keynes Somali Community Association, has been campaigning alongside Mr Lancaster.

He said: "We are very pleased with this latest development.

Campaigner: Adan Kahin

"Already I have information on health issues and its social effects."

All submissions should be sent to Mr Lancaster's office by July 1. They will be confidential and used only for the review.

They should be sent to Mark Lancaster MP's Office, Suite 102, Milton Keynes Business Centre, Foxhunter Drive, Milton Keynes, MK14 6GD.

For more information contact Mr Lancaster's office on 01908 686830.

Torchbearer for hospice

A TRUSTEE of one of the city's favourite charities has been chosen to carry the Olympic flame.

Willen Hospice trustee Sheila Kemble will be a torchbearer for the London 2012 Olympics in recognition of her efforts to support the hospice.

Sheila has taken part in parachute jumps, marathons and cycling events all in aid of the hospice.

Paul Hinson, Willen Hospice chief executive, said: "This is an amazing honour for Sheila, who, during her time as trustee, has raised more than £250,000."

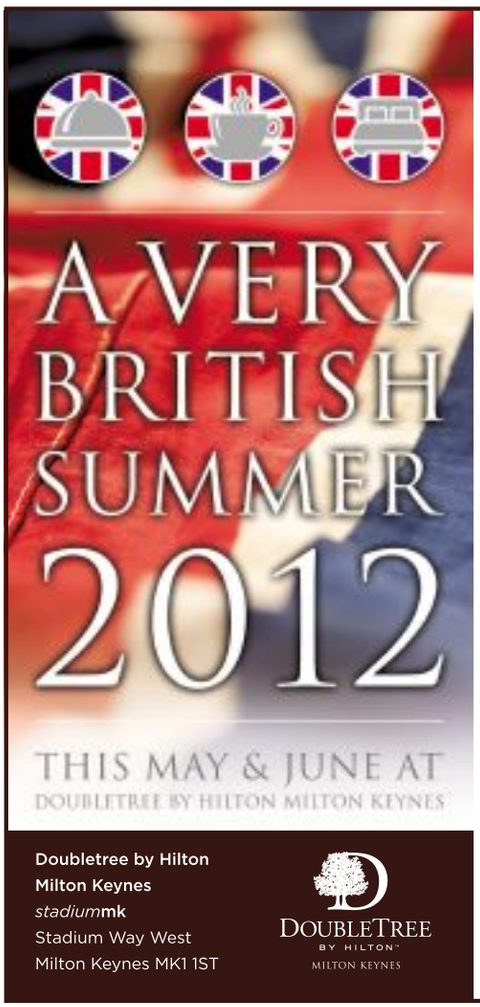
Sheila will be running a leg of the Olympic Torch Relay in Aylesbury on Monday, July 9.

Headway class' hospital exhibit

MEMBERS of an art class taught by Headway MK, a charity for people with brain injuries, are displaying their work at Milton Keynes Hospital.

Led by artist Emma Wilde, the group has experimented with innovative and exciting techniques, breaking down any inhibitions or fears about making a piece of artwork.

The 18 art works were unveiled during the recent Brain Injury Awareness Week, in an event organised by MK Arts for Health. The exhibition runs until the end of July.



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Lobbying: Town councillor Tony Mabbot outside some of the garages he wants to see fixed up

Garages 'attract anti-social crime'

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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GARAGES in a 'poor state' are wasting taxpayers' money and attracting anti-social behaviour.

That's according to one town councillor, who is now lobbying Milton Keynes Council (MKC) to improve the units at Walnut Drive and Aylesbury Street in Bletchley.

Green councillor Tony Mabbot said: "Garage blocks represent a resource for local people, yet far from being used as a source of income, hundreds of them have been boarded up as a 'quick fix' to avoid further vandalism and damage.

"This leads to a cycle of more damage and blocks becoming no-go areas. Residents shouldn't have to put up with the fear of crime because those in authority haven't got their act together."

An MKC spokesman said: "The council has worked intensively in recent years to maximise the use of its garages for parking, storage and community uses. This in turn has enabled us to clearly establish where occupancy remains stubbornly low.

"We are looking at alternative use for these sites and will certainly want to do this in consultation with local people and parish/town councils."

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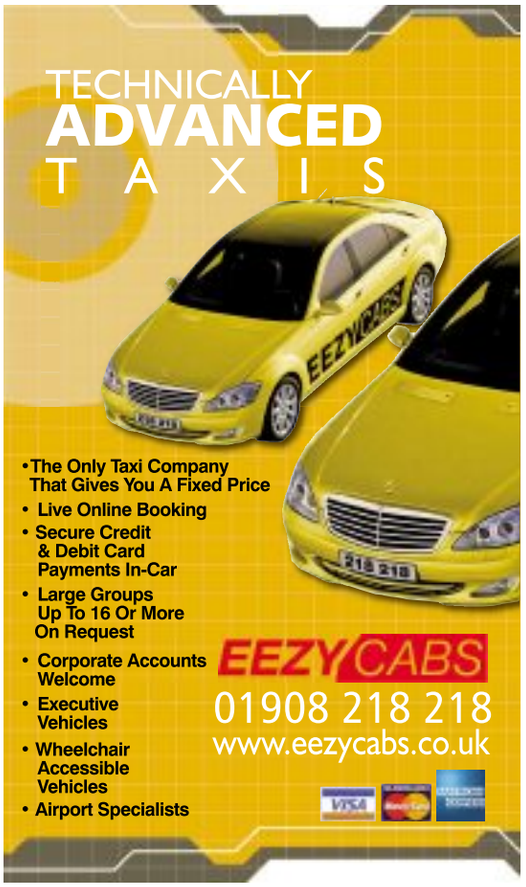

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Grateful: Charlie Laine from Disability Snowsport UK, which has received money from Localgiving, with one of her students, 92-year-old Richard Wilson

£44k charity cash raised in a month

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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MORE than £44,000 was raised in May for charities and organisations in the city thanks to a match funding initiative.

The Milton Keynes Community Foundation has set up a new user-friendly website, www.localgiving.com, to make it easier for people to give money to local community and voluntary organisations.

And in May, the foundation offered a fundraising match challenge - offering £20,000 extra if the same amount could be raised by people and groups in the city.

But this £20,000 challenge was smashed, meaning an additional £4,000 was added to the £40,000.

Shahnaz Hussain, Localgiving development officer, said: "Adrenaline was pumping as the fundraising thermometer on the localgiving.com website rose way beyond expectation, and in just one hour and 30 minutes into the challenge approximately £32,500 had been raised in MK - the office was literally buzzing."

Localgiving.com is the only website in the country that enables community organisations too small to register with the Charities Commission to benefit from an infrastructure that simplifies the giving process.

To date, £109,000 has been raised in MK alone.

Disability Snowsport UK is one of those groups that has benefitted from the Localgiving scheme.

Lead instructor Charlie Laine said: "Using the Localgiving website is really helping us to survive, and our eventual goal is the money will go towards subsidising lessons, to make snow sports more accessible."

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Sounds of the city celebrated with CD

BY ANNA MAUREMOOTOO
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THE city may not be famous for its impact on the music industry but an album revealing a thriving underground scene could change all that.

Sounds from a Concrete City is a ten track album designed to highlight the diversity of the city, proving once and for all that there's vibrant culture to be explored among the concrete cows.

This album is the first of its kind in Milton Keynes and will be released by city promoters Beatcheck on July 1.

Jason Charles of Beatcheck said: "While Milton Keynes may seem a bit grey, over the years we've discovered a soft, colourful underbelly which we wanted to share with the world.

"There are some extremely talent artists in the city scene, and this album gives them a chance to carve out from under the concrete and take their place in the underground sunshine."

All contributing artists are from the area and represent a wide range of styles from trip hop and jackin' house to drum and bass, breakbeat and hip hop.

Although some of the featured bands have experienced commercial success, this album will mark the first release for many.

Underground: Beatcheck Monkey gets ready for the launch of the CD

Beatcheck has promoted dance music nights in the city since 2006 and is one of a growing number of groups experimenting with underground sounds.

Sounds from a Concrete City will be available for digital download from iTunes and Amazon and CDs will be sold exclusively at www.beatcheck.co.uk and can be pre-ordered from Monday.

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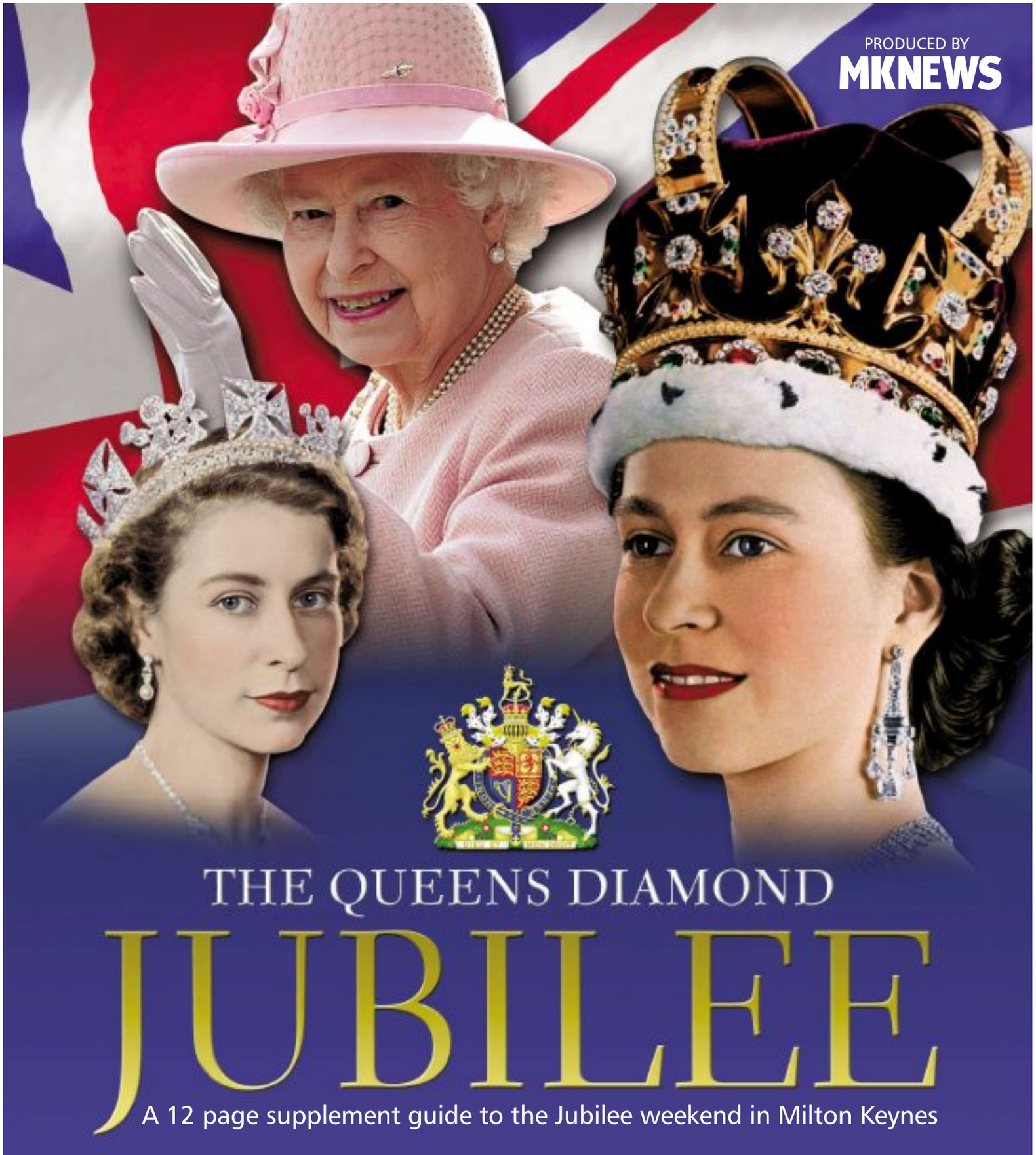

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She took a tour of the park with husband, HRH the Duke of Edinburgh Prince Philip, meeting codebreaking veterans as well as family members of computer pioneer Alan Turing, before unveiling the statue and making a rare speech to mark the special day.

But perhaps the monarch's most memorable visit came in November 2007, when she took her longest tour of the city opening thehub:mk in the centre, had a look around stadiummk, and visited Greenleys to open the Nigel Mobbs St John Ambulance Centre in Oxman Lane.

The crowds packed the streets to catch a glimpse of the most famous woman on the planet as she arrived at Milton Keynes Central Railway Station and despite the cold, the crowds gathered when the couple arrived at thehub:mk.

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THE QUEENS DIAMOND JUBILEE

HAVING made the national news last year for their patriotism during the celebrations for the royal wedding, the people of Stony Stratford will again be flying the bunting in the way only they know how.

Aside from three street parties there is plenty going on throughout Monday, and unique to the Stony celebrations is the Diamond Fun Run 2012.

In Mortimer Park, off Calverton Road, Stony Stratford Town Council has organised a host of fun runs for all ages.

Those 13 and over can attempt the five kilometre course from 11am, for just £8 on registration - and you also get a free T-shirt.

There are also events for the kids, with a run for the eight to 12-year-olds, costing £5 and starting at 10.30am. And then there's the Toddler Dash for those aged five to seven, in Stony High Street at 10am. Just turn up by 9.30am.

All runs will be started by the Mayor of Milton Keynes, Catriona Morris, and all proceeds will go to projects and organisations in the Stony Stratford parish.

To register, see www.stonystratford.gov.uk, call 01908 566726, or pop in to the town council offce at the library in Church Street.

You can also register on the day, but make sure you arrive no later than 10am.

Then in the afternoon on Monday, the Big Jubilee Lunch comes to the town in Mortimer Park, the former recreation field and picnic area in Calverton Road.

The Big Lunch is a get together for neighbours across the UK, and in Stony they are going a little further and involving the whole parish. A record number of people are expected to take part over the weekend.

The town council is working with Milton Keynes Council, Stony Stratford in Bloom and StonyLive! to deliver a really good afternoon, so go along with your friends and neighbours to have a picnic.

The organisers are also aiming to provide some taster food for everyone, and StonyLive! will be providing the music.

They are also calling on all of those attending to donate food items to the MK Foodbank, specifically breakfast cereal, spaghetti (tinned), tomatoes (tinned), dried rice, rice pudding (tinned), baked beans, jam, sugar, meat (tinned), tuna (tinned), teabags, fruit juice (long life) dried pasta, milk (long life), vegetables (tinned), pasta sauce and biscuits.

Look out for the MK Food Bank van - their volunteers will happily receive your donations.

There will be traditional fairground entertainment, cream teas, fish and chips and morris dancers. Stony in Bloom, local schools and allotment societies are growing salad leaves.

There is a shuttle bus planned to service the parish to get people to and from the area.

For more details contact Ian Reed, deputy town clerk, on 01908 566726, or at dtc@stonystratford.gov.uk.

And if all that wasn't enough, on Tuesday the High Street will be coming alive with celebration with a traditional street party.

It's fun, free and fabulous, and they are looking to replicate the success of the individual street parties that took place around Stony Stratford for the royal wedding.

This time, everyone's invited - they want it to be a spectacular occasion for the whole town.

The road will be closed between Church Street and Wolverton Road so that a line of tables and chairs can be set up along the road.

People are encouraged to bring along sandwiches, cakes and other party food. There will be competitions (including a prize for the person wearing the best crown), music and hopefully some street entertainment too. Bring music to share, seats or picnic rugs.

There will be a home made jubilee cake competition, 1940s children's games, Champagne tea dance, Ella May the Vintage Caravan, vintage teas and cream teas on sale, and special jubilee foods to buy to add to your table.

Stony Stratford Jubilee Celebratary bunting

THE QUEENS DIAMOND JUBILEE

JOIN The Parks Trust to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the 20th anniversary of Milton Keynes' parks at a huge Garden Party on Tuesday.

From 2-6pm in Campbell Park a host of exciting activities have been organised for an afternoon of jubilicious family fun that is absolutely free.

The day will include live bands and choirs, vegetable and cake competitions, a children's flag making workshop and parade.

Discover more about your parks from presentations and displays, see a world record attempt at the longest bunting line, and there will also be a host of garden games, food concessions and stalls.

The garden party will be opened at 2pm by Milton Keynes' Poet Laureate Mark Niel reciting his specially commissioned jubilee poem. This will will be closely followed by Milton Keynes Pipe Band and a variety of choirs and bands, including Rock Chorus, playing throughout the day.

In the Jubilee Marquee at 3pm you can celebrate the 20th anniversary of the city's parks and The Parks Trust with presentations from the trust and afternoon tea followed by a traditional tea dance.

Adding colour and movement to the event is the Jubilee Flag Parade and the trust's world record bunting-making attempt. Children will be able to create flags and then join the parade to display their work. Park rangers have been collecting bunting specially made by schools and groups in Milton Keynes in an attempt to create the world's longest bunting line.

Alternatively take part by displaying your gardening or cooking talents. A vegetable baking and flower arranging competition will be held from 2 until 4pm. Competition classes include tastiest strawberries, biggest vegetable, best Victoria sponge, best batch of scones, best flower arrangement and best rose.

Anyone wishing to enter the competitions, or to make bunting for the occasion, should download information from The Parks Trust's website at www.theparkstrust.com.

Free parking is available in the city centre or in Campbell Park via Avebury Boulevard.

For further information visit www.theparkstrust.com.

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Bletchley Carnival

SATURDAY will see West Bletchley streets come alive as the carnival returns - this time to help celebrate the jubilee.

The famous parade leaves Melrose Avenue at 12noon heading for the huge venue of Rickley Park.

This year's carnival theme is The Commonwealth, so organisers are looking forward to many creative float designs.

Now in its 11th year, paraders and visitors will be greeted at the park by more than 100 stalls, a main live entertainment stage, face painters, fairground with food, and a bar to keep the adults happy. Headlining the main stage on Saturday are famous garage group Artful Dodger, Jerome Price and Urban State.

On Sunday, West Bletchley will also host a double jubilee project on the day with the introduction of two inaugral events.

The Big Picnic Lunch will be taking place at Rickley Park where you can bring a picnic and the family to enjoy live music, and even take part in the School Sports Day Games.

2011 Carnival

THE QUEENS DIAMOND JUBILEE

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The main drive for Sunday's event is Pack-a-Picnic, so people and families can really get into the spirit by bringing Union Jacks, banners, bunting and lots of red white and blue, to make an effort and enjoy the day.

Last year the carnival raised more than £10,000 for charity, with 2012's chosen beneficiary confirmed as Whaddon Way Community Projects.

Culture and events coordinator for West Bletchley Council, Gennaro Corrado, said: "We are proud to announce these exciting events for the jubilee weekend.

"The Queen's jubilee will see more people get involved than previous years. It is all very positive and we are looking forward to residents playing their part and having fun.

"Let's just keep our fingers crossed the sun makes a welcome return."

Keep up to date via the website www.westbletchleycouncil.gov.uk. You can also follow the team on Twitter @WestBletchleyCo and find them on Facebook by searching West Bletchley Council.

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Jubilee Road Closures

SATURDAY

Avebury Boulevard, CMK (10am-8pm)
Brahms Close, Old Farm Park (7am-11.59pm)
Claremont Avenue, Stony Stratford (12pm-11.59pm)
Ganton Close, Bletchley (2pm-11.59pm)
Goran Avenue, Stony Stratford (2pm-7pm)
Hall Lane, Chicheley (10am-6pm)
Local Centre Car Park, Old Farm Park (7am-11.59pm)
Newton Street, Olney (noon-6pm)
Nicholas Mead, Great Linford (2pm-11.59pm)
Shepherds, Fullers Slade (noon-7pm)
The Limes, Stony Stratford (6pm-11.59pm)
Welland Drive, Newport Pagnell (11am-11pm)

SUNDAY

Duffield Bank, Broughton Gate (9am-7pm)
Ellenstow, Bradwell Village (1pm-5pm)
Frankston Avenue, Stony Stratford (2pm-8pm)
Holsey Lane, Bletchley (10am-2pm)
Matilda Gardens, Shenley Church End (2pm-7pm)
Newark Court, Caldecotte (11am-6pm)
Runnymede, Giffard Park (noon-8pm)
Walkhampton Avenue, Bradwell Common (noon-11.59pm)

MONDAY

Cambridge Street, Wolverton (11am-7pm)
Cedars Way, Newport Pagnell (8am-10pm)
Church Lane, Lathbury (noon-2pm)
Clailey Court, Stony Stratford (noon-11.59pm)
Downs View, Bow Brickhill (10am-8pm)
Ebbsgrove, Loughton (2pm-6pm)
Fen Street, Brooklands (3pm-11.59pm)
Hayworth Place, Oxley Park (3pm-8pm)
High Street, Hanslope (8am-6pm)
High Street, Stony Stratford (10am-12.30pm)

Kennington Grove, Newport Pagnell (3pm-11.59pm)
Longville, Old Wolverton (9am-6pm)
Midland Road, Olney (noon-8pm)
South Street, Castlethorpe (noon-6pm)
St Anne's Grove, Great Linford (noon-11.59pm)
St Andrew's Road, Bletchley (11.30am-6pm)
St George's Road, Bletchley (11.30am-6pm)
St Mary's Avenue, Stony Stratford (10am-11.59pm)
White Hill, Olney (10am-11.59pm)
Winchcombe Meadows, Oakridge Park (11am-5pm)
Withington, Bradville (2pm-7pm)

TUESDAY

Fishermead Boulevard, Fishermead (from Pentewan Gate to Pencarrow Place) (2pm-11.59pm)
Hargreaves Nook, Blakelands (1pm-8pm)
High Street, Two Mile Ash (8am-7pm)
Lamberhurst Grove, Kents Hill (4pm-11.59pm)
Langerstone Lane, Tattenhoe (10am-11.59pm)
Overhills, Olney (1pm-4pm)
Rangers Court, Great Holm (11am-6pm)
Richmond Way, Newport Pagnell (1pm-10pm)

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IF YOUR street is not holding a bunting-filled party this weekend, then never fear - there are many events happening right across Milton Keynes.

For instance, why not pop to Stantonbury for it's bash, happening on the green in Kersey?

The Jubilee Mega Bash will be taking place from noon-5pm, and the free attractions include a bouncy castle, sumo wrestling challenge, bungy-run mascot challenge, tombola, stalls and food and refreshments. Oh, and make sure to look out for the Phantom Flanflinger.

Sponsored by Red Hot World Buffet and Sundorne event attraction hire, all proceeds from the day will be going to Make a Wish Foundation for kids with potentially life-threatening illnesses.

Be sure to check out some of the other parties happening across the weekend:

SATURDAY

Inter-Action MK, a local community arts charity, will be hosting a jubilee party at Middleton Hall, thecentre:mk, between from 11am to 3pm. Go along and be part of creating MK's largest pop art stamp of the Queen, or alternatively take part by contributing to the making of a giant collaborative piece of visual art, made by the wonderful people of MK. There will also be face painting, lots of arts activities and interactive excitement to get involved in. Also on Friday.Fun Day, Watling Way Centre, Galley Hill. A day of festivities to celebrate, with games, stalls, raffle, tombola and much more, it's a day of fun for everyone.
Free entry, 11am-5pm.

SUNDAY

Mad Hatter's Jubilee Tea Party, Moorlands Infant School, noon-4pm. Tickets are now available for the tea party and a host of other attractions and can be bought from the reception desk at the Moorlands Centre. The all-in price of £2 for adults and £1 for children also includes games, rides, fancy dress and other fun activities. Other highlights of the day are expected to be a Best of British Bake Off cake making competition, judged by local cake making businesses, and a performance from the Brewing Up Costumes from Festive Road.

Newport Pagnell town service at the parish church with a talk by the Rev Alan Wilson and music from MK City Orchestra's brass section.

Charity Laser Tag Jubilee Special, in aid of Harry's Rainbow charitable trust, Caldecotte Experience. From 9am too noon and 12.30-3.30pm. Costs £18 per session, call to book on 01908 663016, or 07774 022122.

Stowe Garden, Big Jubilee Lunch from noon-3pm. A feast for a King, or indeed Queen. Picnic together by the lake, bring your own food or pick up something from the cafe. Special tours will be on offer of Stowe House.

MONDAY

Shenley Brook End Village Green, from 1.30pm. An exciting program of entertainment will be on offer including live music from local bands up until around 10pm, such as Rock Steady All Stars, Stranger Danger, Blue Print, Uncovered. The headline band will be MK's brightest young rock band Social Status who are being tipped for a great summer. The event will also have many activities for all the family including a wide variety of food, a licensed bar serving beers form MK's Concrete Cow brewery, and there will even be laser tag for the more adventurous.

Newport Pagnell picnic lunch, noon-4pm at Bury Common. Bring along a picnic lunch and your own chairs or a blanket.

Teddy Bears' Picnic, Woburn Safari Park. You can enter your teddy bear into the Best Dressed Bear Competition at the Trading Post and be in the chance of winning the star prize of an Up Close Encounter experience with your choice of animal.

Or try and guess the name of the teddy bear cake to win it as a delicious prize. Get your special Teddy Bear's Picnic tickets in advance online for children aged three to 15 years, which includes a delicious picnic box and a Diamond Jubilee Teddy with his own mug.
See www.woburn.co.uk/safari.

Mursley Diamond Jubilee Celebrations. Mursley village is going to have a big party packed full of entertainment all day and all night, including Joey the War Horse who is going to appear in the evening show specially created for the village by the famous Devil's Horsemen. Tickets £20 adults, £10 children, call 01296 720609.

Stowe Gardens, 6pm. A special open air theatre production will be performed. Adapted from one of Britain's favourite authors, Jane Austen, Chapterhouse Theatre Company will bring a truly British love story to the gardens - Pride and Prejudice. Tickets (in advance) are £15 for adults, £8 for children and £38 for a family. On the door they are £18 adults, £11 children, £47 family. Call 0844 2941895, or visit www.nationaltrust.org.uk/stowe.

TUESDAY

The ancient practice of firing the Fenny Poppers, Leon Recreation Ground, Fenny Stratford, at 2pm, in special celebration of the Queen.

THE QUEENS DIAMOND JUBILEE

THURSDAY MAY 31

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BBC1

6.00 Breakfast (S) **9.15** Fake Britain (S) **10.00** Homes Under the Hammer (R/S) **11.00** Cowboy Trap (R/S) **11.45** Cash in the Attic (R/S) **12.15** Bargain Hunt (R/S) **1.00** News; Regional News (S) **1.45** Doctors (S) **2.15** Escape to the Country (R/S) **3.05** Dick 'N' Dom Go Wild (R/S) **3.35** Prank Patrol Down Under (R/S) **4.00** Copycats (R/S) **4.30** Young Dracula (R/S) **5.00** Newsround (S) **5.15** Pointless (S) **6.00** News; Regional News (S)
7.00 The One Show (S)
7.30 EastEnders (S)
8.00 Britain's Lost Routes with Griff Rhys Jones (S)
9.00 Crimewatch (S)
10.00 News; Regional News (S)
10.35 Crimewatch Update (S)
10.45 Question Time (S)
11.45 FILM: A Fish Called Wanda (1988) Comedy with John Cleese. (S)
1.30 Weatherview (S) **1.35** Sign Zone: Stadiums of Hate (R/S) **2.05** Countryfile (R/S) **3.00** Antiques Roadshow (R/S) **4.00** 1952 Show (R/S) **4.45** News (S)

BBC2

6.00 CBBC **11.35 FILM: The First of the Few** (1942) Biopic with Leslie Howard and David Niven. (S) **1.30** To Buy Or Not to Buy (R/S) **2.15** The Weakest Link (R/S) **3.00** Heir Hunters (R/S) **3.45** Hairy Bikers' Best of British (R/S) **4.30** Flog It (R/S) **5.15** Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is (R/S)
6.00 Eggheads (S) **6.30** TOTP 2 (S)
7.30 Great British Menu The chefs present their dessert dishes to the discerning judges. (S)
8.00 Springwatch 2012 Chris Packham and Michaela Strachan report live from mid-Wales on the latest news from the nest cameras. (S)
9.00 Springwatch Unsprung (S)
9.30 The Meat Market: Inside Smithfield Looking at the future of what was once London's sole supplier of meat and poultry. (S)
10.30 Newsnight (S)
11.20 She-Wolves: England's Early Queens (R/S)
12.20 News (S) **4.00** Head Case (S) **5.00** Coping (R/S) **5.30** Love Hurts (R/S)

ITV1

6.00 Daybreak (S) **8.30** Lorraine's High Street Fashion Awards (S) **9.25** Jeremy Kyle (S) **10.30** This Morning (S) **12.30** Loose Women (S) **1.30** News (S) **2.00** May the Best House Win (S) **3.00** Dickinson's Real Deal (S) **4.00** Midsomer Murders (R/S)
5.00 The Chase (S) **6.00** News (S)
7.00 Emmerdale Victoria and Alex discover the truth about Ashley's new job. (S)
7.30 The Parent Trap (S)
8.00 Emmerdale Zak opens up about attacking Cain. (S)
8.30 Coronation Street
9.00 Long Lost Family Davina McCall and Nicky Campbell help people who are desperate to find long-lost relatives. (S)
10.00 News (S)
10.35 Prince Charles (R/S)
11.35 Piers Morgan's Life Stories (R/S)
12.30 Jackpot247 (S) **3.00** The Parent Trap (R/S) **3.25** Nightscreen (S) **4.35** Jeremy Kyle (R/S) **5.30** News (S)

CHANNEL 4

6.15 The Hoobs. Double bill. (R/S) **7.05** Freshly Squeezed (S) **7.35** According to Jim (R/S) **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond (R/S) **8.30** Frasier (R/S) **9.00** Undercover Boss Australia (R/S) **10.00** Location, Location, Location (R/S) **11.00** The Renovation Game (S) **12.05** Four in a Bed (R/S) **12.35** The Kitchen Pharmacy (R/S) **12.50 FILM: Logan's Run** (1976) (R) **3.10** Countdown (S) **4.00** Deal Or No Deal (S) **5.00** Come Dine with Me (R/S)
6.00 Simpsons (R/S) **6.30** Hollyoaks (S)
7.00 News (S)
8.00 Phil Spencer Secret Agent (S)
9.00 Married to the Moonies (S)
10.00 24 Hours in A&E (R/S)
11.10 Jimmy and the Giant Supermarket (R/S)
12.10 The Secret Millionaire (R/S) **1.10** Edward VIII: Plot to Topple A King (R/S) **2.05** Unreported World (R/S) **2.30** Real Mr & Mrs Assad (R/S) **3.00** Hidden Talent (R/S) **3.55** Deal Or No Deal (R/S) **4.50** Glamour Puds (R/S) **5.20** Countdown (R/S)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake **9.15** The Wright Stuff **11.10** Live with.. **12.15** The Restaurant Inspector (R/S) **1.15** Home and Away (S) **1.45** Neighbours (S) **2.15** Law and Order (R/S) **3.20 FILM: McBride: Semper Fi** (2007) Drama starring John Larroquette, Marta Dubois and Matt Lutz. (S) **5.00** News (S) **5.30** Neighbours (R/S) **6.00** Home and Away (R/S) **6.30** News (S)
7.00 Police Interceptors (R/S)
8.00 World's Scariest Animal Attacks (R/S)
9.00 The Restaurant Inspector (S)
10.00 FILM: Hostel (2005) Gory horror starring Jay Hernandez and Derek Richardson. (S)
11.50 The World of Stupid Criminals Chris Rowe scours the globe for footage of the most extraordinary acts of stupidity among the criminal fraternity. (R/S)
12.15 Supercasino **3.55** House Doctor (R/S) **4.20** Divine Designs. Double bill. (R/S) **5.10** Wildlife SOS (R/S) **5.35** Michaela's Wild Challenge (R/S)

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7.00 The One Show (S)
8.00 A Jubilee Tribute to the Queen By the Prince of Wales (S)
9.00 EastEnders (S)
9.30 Have I Got News for You (S)
10.00 News; Regional News (S)
10.35 The Graham Norton Show (S)
11.20 The National Lottery (S)
11.30 White Van Man (R/S)
12.00 EastEnders (R/S) **2.00** Sign Zone: Silk (R/S) **3.00** Question Time (R/S) **4.00** 1952 Show (R/S) **4.45** News (R/S)

BBC2

6.00 CBBC **11.35 FILM: Odd Man Out** (1947) Classic crime drama with James Mason and Kathleen Ryan. (S) **1.30** Racing from Epsom: The Oaks (S) **4.30** Flog It (R/S) **5.15** Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is (R/S) **6.00** Eggheads (S) **6.30** TOTP 2 (S)
7.30 Diamond Jubilee: The Queen on Tour Jennie Bond reports on the Queen's recent tour in the South West. (S)
8.00 Great British Menu (S)
9.30 Gardeners' World (S)
9.00 The Great British Story: A People's History (S)
10.00 Episodes The network ask Sean and Beverly to reduce Matt's role in Pucks! (S)
10.30 Newsnight (S)
11.00 The Review Show (S)
11.50 FILM: Frida (2002) Frida Kahlo biopic starring Salma Hayek and Alfred Molina. (S)
1.45 Taken (R/S) **3.10** News (S) **4.45** Ceefax (R/S)

ITV1

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7.00 Emmerdale An unexpected visitor sends Zak into turmoil. (S)
7.30 Coronation Street How will Tina react when she uncovers Tommy's betrayal? (S)
8.00 Poms in Paradise (S)
8.30 Coronation Street Sunita pulls Karl back from the brink. (S)
9.00 Elizabeth (S)
10.10 News (S)
10.45 FILM: Stiff Upper Lips (1998) Romantic comedy starring Peter Ustinov, Prunella Scales and Sean Pertwee. (S)
12.35 The Store (S) **2.40 FILM: The Towering Inferno** (1974) Disaster movie with Steve McQueen and Paul Newman. (S) **5.25** Nightscreen (S) **5.30** News (S)

CHANNEL 4

6.05 The Treacle People (R) **6.20** The Hoobs. Double bill. (R/S) **7.10** Freshly Squeezed (S) **7.40** According to Jim (R/S) **8.05** Everybody Loves Raymond (R) **8.30** Frasier (R/S) **9.00** Undercover Boss Australia (R/S) **10.00** Location, Location, Location (R/S) **11.00** Renovation Game (S) **12.05** Four in a Bed (R/S) **12.35** The Kitchen Pharmacy (R/S) **12.50 FILM: Battleground** (1949) (R/S) **3.10** Countdown (S) **4.00** Deal Or No Deal (S) **5.00** Come Dine with Me (R/S) **6.00** Simpsons (R/S)
6.30 Hollyoaks (S)
7.00 News (S)
7.30 Unreported World: Libya (S)
8.00 Come Dine with Me
9.00 8 Out of 10 Cats (S)
9.30 Very Important People (S)
10.00 Alan Carr: Chatty Man (S)
11.05 Stand Up for the Week (S)
11.55 Comedy Gala (R/S)
2.30 My Name is Earl (R/S) **2.50** Dirty Sexy Money. Double bill. (R/S) **4.25** Home Road Movies (R) **4.35** Deal Or No Deal (R/S) **5.30** Countdown (R/S)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake **9.15** The Wright Stuff **11.10** Live with.. **12.15** The Restaurant Inspector (R/S) **1.15** Home and Away (S) **1.48** Neighbours (S) **2.15** Law and Order (R/S) **3.15 FILM: The Nora Roberts Collection: Carolina Moon** (2007) Thriller with Claire Forlani and Jacqueline Bisset. (S) **5.00** News (S) **5.30** Neighbours (R/S) **6.00** Home and Away (R/S) **6.30** News (S)
7.00 War Hero in my Family (R/S)
8.00 Mega Builders (S)
9.00 The Mentalist While Lisbon looks for the murderer, Jane hits rock bottom in a Vegas club. (S)
10.00 Castle Castle and Beckett look into the murder of a baseball star who was found dead after a trip. (S)
10.55 Law and Order: Criminal Intent (R/S)
11.55 Inside Hollywood
12.00 Supercasino **3.55** Motorsport Mundial **4.20** Divine Designs. Double bill. (R/S) **5.10** Michaela's Wild Challenge. Double bill.(R/S)

SATURDAY JUNE 2

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast (S) **10.00** Saturday Kitchen (S) **1.30** Raymond Blanc's Kitchen Secrets (R/S) **12.00** News; Regional News (S) **12.10** Football Focus (S) **12.50** Racing: The Derby 2012 (S) **4.30** News; Regional News (S) **4.45** Pointless Celebrities (S) **5.35 FILM: Ratatouille** (2007) Animated comedy with the voices of Patton Oswalt and Peter O'Toole. (R/S)
7.20 The Voice UK: The Final (S)
9.20 The National Lottery Saturday Night Draws (S)
9.30 Casualty Charlie helps a family deal with an old debt that has come back to haunt them. (S)
10.20 News (S)
10.40 The Apprentice: Why I Fired Them Lord Alan Sugar sheds light on the reasons behind his decisions this series. (S)
11.40 Live at the Apollo Mock the Week star Andy Parsons hosts stand-up comedy. (R/S)
12.10 Racing: The Derby Highlights (S) **12.40** Weatherview (S) **12.45** News (S)

BBC2

6.00 CBBC **12.10 FILM: Robin and the Seven Hoods** (1964) Spoof gangster film starring Frank Sinatra and Dean Martin. (S) **2.10 FILM: Shall We Dance?** (2004) Romantic comedy with Richard Gere and Jennifer Lopez. (S) **3.50** Escape to the Country (R/S) **4.30** Flog It (R/S) **5.50** The Story of Light Entertainment (R/S)
6.50 Dad's Army (R)
7.20 Arts Troubleshooter Arts expert Michael Lynch visits the Theatre Royal in Bury St Edmunds. (S)
8.20 How to Paint a Queen: A Culture Show Special Alastair Sooke looks at the depictions of Britain's female rulers and the things they reveal. (S)
9.20 QI XL (R/S)
10.05 Robin Gibb: Me and My Songs, A Tribute (S)
10.35 TOTP2 Bee Gees Special (R)
11.20 ...Sings Bee Gees (R/S)
11.50 FILM: Fame (1980) Musical with Irene Cara and Lee Curreri. (S)
2.00 Ceefax

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6.00 Signed Stories (R/S) **6.20** Olly the Little White Van (R/S) **6.35** Fluffy Gardens (R/S) **6.40** The Hive (R/S) **7.10** Sooty (R/S) **7.25** X-Men (S) **7.45** Pleasbag Monkeyface (R/S) **8.00** Sonny with a Chance (S) **8.25** Saturday Cookbook (S) **9.30** Jeremy Kyle USA. Double bill. (S) **11.15** French Open Tennis 2012 (S) **4.00** News (S) **4.30** International Football Live (S)
7.30 You Cannot Be Serious (S)
8.00 The Cube Newcastle lass Teresa thinks she has got what it takes to beat the Cube. (S)
9.00 The Greatest Footie Ads Ever Featuring the most loved football commercials ever made. (S)
10.00 News (S)
10.15 International Football Highlights England's final warm-up match before Euro 2012. (S)
10.45 FILM: Demolition Man (1993) Futuristic adventure with Sylvester Stallone and Wesley Snipes. (S)
12.55 The Store (S) **3.00** In Plain Sight (R/S) **3.50** Nightscreen (S) **5.30** News (S)

CHANNEL 4

6.15 The Hoobs. Double bill. (R/S) **7.05** British Formula Ford (S) **7.30** Mobil 1 the Grid (S) **7.55** The Morning Line (S) **8.55** T4: Prometheus (S) **9.25** Made in Chelsea (S) **10.30** Love Shaft (S) **11.05** The Big Bang Theory (R/S) **11.40** Revenge (S)
12.45 Simpsons (R/S) **1.20** Road to London 2012: That Paralympic Show (S) **1.50** C4 Racing from Haydock Park and Musselburgh (S) **3.50** Deal Or No Deal (S) **4.45** Come Dine with Me. Four episodes. (R/S) **6.50** News (S)
7.20 FILM: The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King (2003) Final part of the epic fantasy trilogy.
11.05 FILM: Alien (1979) Sci-fi horror classic with Sigourney Weaver, Harry Dean Stanton and John Hurt. (R/S)
1.20 FILM: 21 Grams (2003) Thriller with Sean Penn, Benicio Del Toro and Naomi Watts. (R/S) **3.15** Stand Up for the Week (R/S) **4.00** Smallville (R/S) **4.40** St. Elsewhere (R/S) **5.30** Countdown (R/S)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake **10.00** Inside Hollywood **10.05** The Gadget Show: World Tour (R/S) **11.05** Robson's Extreme Fishing Challenge (R/S) **12.05 FILM: Carson City** (1952) Western starring Randolph Scott, Lucille Norman and Don Beddoe. (S) **1.50 FILM: Objective, Burma!** (1945) (S) **4.40 FILM: The Secret Garden** (1993) Children's classic with Kate Maberly, Heydon Prowse and Andrew Knott. (S) **6.45** NCIS (R/S)
7.45 NCIS (R/S)
8.35 CSI: Miami (R/S)
9.20 Law and Order: Special Victims Unit Stabler and Tutuola link an artist's murder to a serial killer. (S)
10.20 Law and Order: Special Victims Unit A frustrating investigation begins when a woman reports her granddaughter missing. (S)
11.15 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation The body of a woman is found underneath a bus. (R/S)
12.15 Supercasino **4.00** Great Artists (R/S) **4.25** Nick's Quest (R/S) **4.45** Rough Guide to Adventures (R/S) **5.00** Milkshake

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THE QUEENS DIAMOND JUBILEE

SUNDAY JUNE 3

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast (S) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show (S) **10.00** The Big Questions (S) **11.00** Country Tracks (R/S) **12.00** Bargain Hunt (R/S) **12.30** Songs of Praise (S) **1.05** News (S) **1.30** The Diamond Jubilee Thames Pageant (S) **6.00** News; Regional News (S) **6.30** Countryfile (S)

7.30 Gary Barlow: On Her Majesty's Service Following the Take That star as he records a special song for the Jubilee. (S)

8.30 The Apprentice The last episode of the series, where Lord Sugar announces his new partner. (S)

10.30 News; Regional News (S)

10.55 The Diamond Jubilee Thames Pageant Highlights Coverage of 1000 boats as they sail down the River Thames. With Matt Baker. (S)

12.25 The Sky at Night (S) **12.45** Weatherview (S) **12.50** Sign Zone: National Treasures Jubilee Special (R/S) **1.50** Holby City (R/S) **2.50** Two Greedy Italians: Still Hungry (R/S) **3.50** Great British Railway Journeys (R/S) **4.20** News (S)

BBC2

6.00 CBBC **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites (S) **11.30** Great British Menu (R/S) **12.00** Escape to the Country (R/S) **12.30** MotoGP: Catalunya (S) **2.00** Cycling: World BMX Championships (S) **2.30** Gymnastics: Men's European Championship (S) **4.30** Triathlon World Series (S) **5.45** Points of View (S) **6.00** Flog It (R/S)

7.00 Singapore 1942: End of Empire (R/S)

8.00 Indian Ocean with Simon Reeve The last leg of the epic journey is from Sumatra to Australia. (S)

9.00 Coast (S)

10.00 TOTP2: Donna Summer Mark Radcliffe introduces this tribute to the late Queen of Disco. (S)

10.30 When Disco Ruled the World A look back at the biggest movement of the mid to late 70s. (R/S)

11.30 Episodes (R/S)

12.00 FILM: The Hoax (2006) Drama based on the story of Clifford Irving, with Richard Gere and Hope Davis. (S) **1.50** News (S) **4.20** Ceefax

ITV1

6.00 Bobbins (R/S) **6.10** Fireman Sam (R/S) **6.20** Olly the Little White Van (R/S) **6.30** Jake and the Neverland Pirates (S) **7.00** Poppy Cat (S) **7.10** Tati's Hotel (R/S) **7.25** Matt Hatter Chronicles (S) **7.45** Fleabag Monkeyface (R/S) **8.00** Big Time Rush (R/S) **8.25** Dinner Date (S) **9.25** News (S) **9.30** French Open Tennis 2012 (S) **6.00** News (S) **6.30** All the Queen's Horses (S)

8.30 Coronation Street Tommy and Tina are on borrowed time. Dennis has his loyalty questioned. (S)

9.00 Vera DCI Vera Stanhope and Joe Ashworth investigate a suspicious death in an army barracks. (S)

11.00 News (S)

11.20 The Cube Newcastle lass Teresa thinks she has got what it takes to beat the Cube. (R/S)

12.20 The Store (S) **2.30** Superbike Championship (S) **3.30** Motorsport UK (S) **4.25** Nightscreen (S) **5.30** News (S)

CHANNEL 4

6.25 The Hoobs. Double bill. (R/S) **7.20** FIM Superbike World Championship 2012 (S) **7.45** Slateman Triathlon (S) **8.10** Everybody Loves Raymond. Double bill. (R/S) **9.00** Frasier. Double bill. (R/S) **10.00** Sunday Brunch (S) **12.30** The Big Bang Theory. Double bill. (R/S) **1.25** Simpsons. Double bill. (R/S) **2.25 FILM: She's the Man** (2006) (R/S) **4.25 FILM: Charlotte's Web** (2006) Children's classic featuring the voices of Julia Roberts, John Cleese, Robert Redford and Oprah Winfrey. (R/S) **6.15** Celebrity Deal Or No Deal (S)

7.20 News (S)

8.00 Supersrcimpers Hot Summer Tips

9.00 FILM: District 9 (2009) Award winning sci-fi thriller produced by Peter Jackson. (S)

11.05 FILM: Broken Arrow (1996) (R/S) **1.15** Camelot (S) **2.10** The Moonbird (R/S) **2.25** Shapes (R/S) **2.30** Hollyoaks Omnibus (R/S) **4.30** Deal Or No Deal (R/S) **5.25** Countdown (R/S)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake **10.00** Animal Rescue Squad (R/S) **10.15** Meerkat Manor (R/S) **10.45** Grey's Anatomy (R/S) **11.40** Elizabeth II: A Diamond Jubilee Celebration (R/S) **12.45** War Hero in my Family (R/S) **1.45 FILM: Riders of Vengeance** (1952) Western starring Richard Conte, Viveca Lindfors and Barbara Britton. (S) **3.20 FILM: Sinbad and the Eye of the Tiger** (1977) Adventure with Patrick Wayne and Jane Seymour. (R/S) **5.35 FILM: Big Daddy** (1999) Comedy starring Adam Sandler and Joey Lauren Adams.(S)

7.30 Once Upon a Time (S)

8.30 Ultimate Police Interceptors (R/S)

8.55 News (S)

9.00 FILM: The Ninth Gate (1999) Horror flick starring Johnny Depp, Frank Langella and Lena Olin. (S)

11.30 The Walking Dead (R/S)

12.30 The World of Stupid Criminals (R/S) **1.00** Supercasino **4.00** The FBI Files (R/S) **4.50** Rough Guide to Activity Holidays (R/S) **5.00** Milkshake

MONDAY JUNE 4

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast (S) **9.00** Fake Britain (S) **9.45** Fake Britain (S) **10.30** Homes Under the Hammer (R/S) **11.30** Cowboy Trap (R/S) **12.15** Bargain Hunt 10th Anniversary Special (R/S) **1.15** News; Regional News (S) **1.45** A Jubilee Tribute to the Queen by the Prince of Wales (R/S) **2.45** Britain's Lost Routes with Griff Rhys Jones (R/S) **3.45** The Queen's Palaces (R/S) **4.45** Pointless (R/S) **5.30** News; Regional News (S) **6.30** The One Show (S)

7.30 The Diamond Jubilee Concert An array of stars perform in front of Buckingham Palace. (S)

10.45 News; Regional News (S)

11.10 Have I Got a Bit More News for You (R/S)

11.50 The Graham Norton Show (R/S) **12.35** Weatherview (S) **12.40** Sign Zone: A Jubilee Tribute to the Queen by the Prince of Wales (R/S) **1.40** Divine Women (R/S) **2.40** Chaplains: Angels of Mersey (R/S) **3.10** Great British Railway Journeys (R/S) **3.40** Great British Menu. Double bill. (R/S) **4.40** News (S)

BBC2

6.00 CBBC **11.30 FILM: Ring of Bright Water** (1969) Family drama starring Bill Travers and Virginia McKenna. (S) **1.10 FILM: College Road Trip** (2008) Family comedy with Martin Lawrence and Raven-Symone. (S) **2.30** Escape to the Country (R/S) **3.00** Heir Hunters (R/S) **3.45** Hairy Bikers' Best of British (R/S) **4.30** Flog It (R/S) **5.15** Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is (R/S) **6.00** Eggheads (S) **6.30** Great British Railway Journeys (R/S)

7.00 Great British Menu The winners of the regional heats must cook starters for the judges. (S)

8.00 Springwatch 2012 Live wildlife updates from Chris Packham, Michaela Strachan and Martin Hughes-Games. (S)

9.00 The Battle of Britain (R/S)

10.30 FILM: The Terminator (1984) Sci-fi action with Arnold Schwarzenegger and Linda Hamilton. (S)

12.10 News (S) **3.15** The Super League Show (R/S) **4.00** Speaking Sport (S) **4.30** La Mappa Misteriosa (R/S)

ITV1

6.00 Daybreak (S) **8.30** Lorraine (S) **9.25** Jeremy Kyle USA (S) **10.25** Jeremy Kyle USA (S) **11.20** Murder, She Wrote (R/S) **12.25** The Chase (R/S) **1.45** Midsomer Murders (R/S) **3.45** Countrywise Jubilee (R/S) **4.45** Elizabeth (R/S) **6.00** News (S) **6.30** You've Been Framed (R/S)

7.00 Emmerdale Zak is adamant that he is ready to come home. (S)

7.30 Coronation Street (S)

8.00 The Queen and I Second in a two-part documentary looking back at the Queen's 60-year reign. (S)

8.30 Coronation Street With Dennis waiting at the altar, Rita and Tina take on Rick. (S)

9.00 FILM: Quantum of Solace (2008) Espionage thriller starring Daniel Craig, Olga Kurylenko and Mathieu Amalric. (S)

11.00 News (S)

11.15 In Plain Sight (R/S) **12.10** Jackpot247 (S) **2.45** Jeremy Kyle (R/S) **3.35** Nightscreen (S) **4.35** Jeremy Kyle (R/S) **5.30** News (S)

CHANNEL 4

6.15 The Hoobs. Double bill. (R/S) **7.05** Freshly Squeezed (S) **7.35** According to Jim (R/S) **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond (R/S) **8.30** Frasier (R/S) **9.00** Undercover Boss Australia (R/S) **10.00** Location, Location, Location (R/S) **11.00** Renovation Game (S) **12.05** Superscrimpers **12.40 FILM: Star Trek: The Motion Picture** (1979) **3.10** Countdown (S) **4.00** Deal Or No Deal (S) **5.00** Come Dine with Me (R/S) **6.00** Simpsons (R/S) **6.30** Hollyoaks (S)

7.00 News (S)

7.30 Come Dine with Me Jubilee Special (R/S)

8.30 Gok Cooks Chinese

9.00 The Secret Millionaire (S)

10.00 8 Out of 10 Cats (S)

10.50 The Hoarder Next Door (R/S)

11.55 Embarrassing Bodies Live from the Clinic (R/S)

12.55 Girl Who Cries Blood (R/S) **1.50 FILM: The Page Turner** (2006) (R/S) **3.35** St. Elsewhere (R/S) **4.25** Smallville (R/S) **5.05** Deal Or No Deal (R/S)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake **9.15** The Wright Stuff **11.10** The Hotel Inspector (R/S) **12.10** Chinese Food in Minutes (R/S) **12.15** Meerkat Manor (R/S) **12.45** Home and Away (S) **1.15** Neighbours (S) **1.45** Law and Order (R/S) **2.45 FILM: Wonderful Life** (1964) Musical starring Cliff Richard, Susan Hampshire and the Shadows. (S) **5.00** News (S) **5.30** Neighbours (R/S) **6.00** Home and Away (R/S) **6.30** Police Interceptors (R/S)

7.35 World's Most Extreme Airports (R/S)

9.00 Robson's Extreme Fishing Countdown (S)

10.00 The Walking Dead Shane makes a deadly sacrifice, while the rest of the group try to hang on. (S)

11.00 FILM: The Ninth Gate (1999) Horror flick starring Johnny Depp, Frank Langella and Lena Olin. (S)

1.35 Supercasino **3.55** House Doctor (R/S) **4.25** Divine Designs (R/S) **4.45** Housebusters (R/S) **5.10** Michaela's Wild Challenge. Double bill. (R/S)

TUESDAY JUNE 5

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast (S) **9.15** Diamond Jubilee Service of Thanksgiving (S) **1.00** News; Regional News (S) **1.30** Diamond Jubilee Royal Procession (S) **3.45** Diamond Jubilee Concert Highlights (S) **5.30** News; Regional News (S) **6.00** The One Show (S) **6.30** Rolf Paints.. (S)

7.30 EastEnders Jean is horrified to discover that the gym's investment scheme does not exist. (S)

8.00 Holby City Tara risks her career to make sure her patient gets a life-changing operation. (S)

9.00 Silk Martha represents the driver of a prison van accused of causing a prisoner's death. (S)

10.00 News; Regional News (S)

10.35 Diamond Jubilee Weekend Highlights (S)

12.05 FILM: La Bamba (1987) Musical drama with Lou Diamond Philips and Esai Morales. (S) **1.50** Weatherview (S) **1.55** Sign Zone: The Apprentice: The Final Five (R/S) **2.55** The Apprentice (R/S) **3.55** Crime and Punishment (R/S) **4.40** News (S)

BBC2

6.00 CBBC **11.30 FILM: Teacher's Pet** (2004) Animation featuring the voices of Nathan Lane and Kelsey Grammar. (S)

12.40 FILM: Tom's Midnight Garden (1999) (S) **2.15** The Weakest Link (R/S) **3.00** Heir Hunters (R/S) **3.45** Hairy Bikers' Best of British (R/S) **4.30** Flog It (R/S) **5.15** Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is (R/S) **6.00** Eggheads (S) **6.30** Great British Railway Journeys (R/S)

7.00 Great British Menu The finalists cook their fish course, judged by Marcus Wareing. (S)

8.00 Springwatch 2012 Martin Hughes-Games continues his search for pine martens in Wales. (S)

9.00 The Transit of Venus: A Horizon Special Liz Bonnin explores the history and significance of this rare event in our solar system. (S)

10.00 QI (R/S)

10.30 FILM: The Prestige (2006) (S)

12.35 News (S) **4.00** Mi Vida Loca (R/S)

5.00 Le Francais au Pluriel (R/S)

ITV1

6.00 Daybreak (S) **8.30** The Queen's Diamond Jubilee (S) **4.00** Ade in Britain (R/S) **5.00** The Chase (R/S) **6.00** News (S)

7.00 Emmerdale Zak struggles to settle back in at home. (S)

7.30 Trash to Treasure Documentary series following two reclamation yards. (S)

8.00 Countrywise Jubilee The team look at the Queen's enduring love of the outdoors. (S)

9.00 Martin Clunes Martin Clunes travels to the island of Madagascar to investigate the fate of the world's last lemurs. (S)

10.00 News (S)

10.15 The Nation's Favourite Bee Gees Song (R/S)

11.45 The Unforgettable Harry Secombe A celebration of the life and career of one of Britain's best-loved entertainers. (R/S)

12.45 Jackpot247 (S) **3.15** Loose Women (R/S) **4.05** Nightscreen (S) **5.30** News (S)

CHANNEL 4

6.15 The Hoobs. Double bill. (R/S) **7.05** Freshly Squeezed (S) **7.35** According to Jim (R/S) **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond (R/S) **8.30** Frasier (R/S) **9.00** Undercover Boss Australia (R/S) **10.00** Location, Location, Location (R/S) **11.00** Renovation Game (S) **12.05** Superscrimpers **12.35** River Cottage Bites (R/S) **12.55 FILM: Star Trek: Generations** (1994) (R/S) **3.10** Countdown (S) **4.00** Deal Or No Deal (S) **5.00** Come Dine with Me (R/S) **6.00** Simpsons (R/S) **6.30** Hollyoaks (S)

7.00 News (S)

8.00 Embarrassing Bodies (S)

9.00 Jimmy and the Giant Supermarket (S)

10.00 All In the Best Possible Taste with Grayson Perry (S)

11.10 Alan Carr (R/S)

12.15 Caribbean Adventure (S) **1.15** Boxing (S) **1.40** Sailing (S) **2.35** Formula Ford (R/S) **3.00** Triathlon (R/S) **3.30** Superbike (R/S) **4.00** Road to London 2012 (R/S) **4.25** GT1 Championship (S) **5.20** Deal Or No Deal (R/S)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake **9.15** The Wright Stuff **11.10** The Hotel Inspector (R/S) **12.15** Animal Rescue Squad (R/S) **12.35** Home and Away (S) **1.05** Neighbours (S) **1.35 FILM: Viva Las Vegas** (1964) Musical starring Elvis Presley. (S) **3.15 FILM: Mystery Woman: Snapshot** (2005) Murder Mystery with Kellie Martin, Nina Siemaszko, Casey Sander and Clarence Williams III. (S) **5.00** News (S) **5.30** Neighbours (R/S) **6.00** Home and Away (R/S) **6.30** News (S)

7.00 War Hero in my Family Pamela Stephenson and Dom Littlewood go in search of the war heroes in their families. (S)

8.00 Big Brother: The Auditions (S)

9.00 Big Brother 2012 (S)

10.45 Big Brother's Bit on the Side (S)

11.45 FILM: Urban Legend (1998) (S) **1.35** Supercasino **3.55** House Doctor (R/S) **4.25** Housebusters. Double bill. (R/S) **5.10** Michaela's Wild Challenge. Double bill. (R/S)

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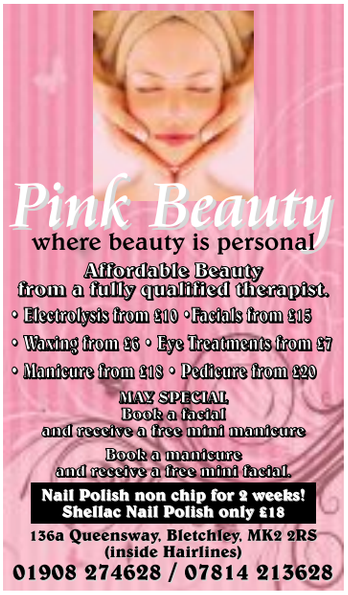

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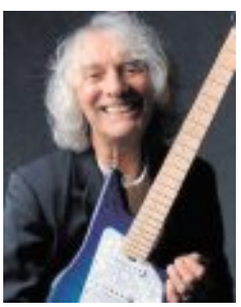

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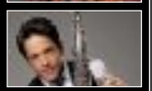
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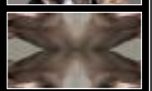
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He is a member of Bill Wyman's Rhythm Kings, fronting the band at the O2 arena on the night of the Led Zeppelin reunion concert.

Albert is a Grammy Award-winning musician, whose talents continue to be in demand by fellow performers throughout the world.

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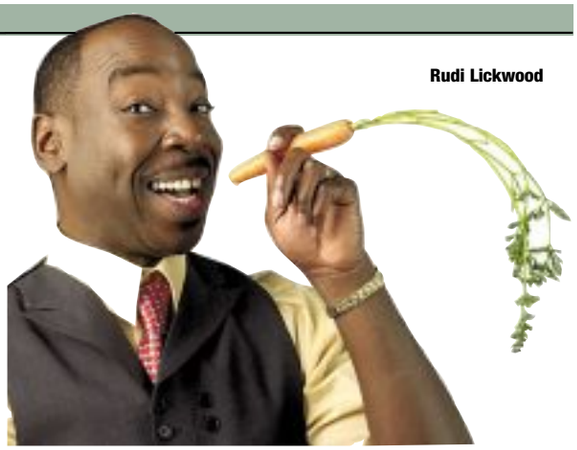
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Shawn listens avidly, but questions the value of Gregory's seeming abandonment of the pragmatic aspects of life.

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Danze Contemporanea de Cuba perform Sombrisa
Picture Richard Kenworthy

DANZA CONTEMPORANEA DE CUBA

Wednesday, June 6-Thursday, June 7

NEXT week, Danza Contemporanea de Cuba comes to Milton Keynes Theatre.

Dancer and choreographer George Cespedes was born and grew up in Holguin in Cuba. He joined Danza Contemporanea de Cuba after studying at the National School of Dance in Havana.

George talks to **Judy Riley** at MK LIFE about the company, his career - and the British weather.

How popular is contemporary dance in Cuba? What's special about it?

Popular - that's not the right word. Dance for Cubans is something that comes from our roots. It comes from everything we are. It comes from the weather, the music, the politics, the food we eat. I don't think it's special, it's just there. Cuba is a tiny island but we are totally different from anywhere else in the Caribbean. There are not many places like Cuba.

What opportunities are there for young people who want to learn to dance?

Well of course, in Cuba, it is free to study; the Government pays for everything. When you graduate you have the same opportunities that you have in Europe but you have to be tougher, more clever, your brain has to work better. You have everything you need here in Europe; in Cuba we have to work harder. All of that is what makes us who we are.

What is your training routine?

I make my body ready to perform. I go to class every day, then I go to the stage to rehearse before a show.

So how does dance make you feel?

There is no feeling. You are, that is enough. You are alive. I'm there and I'm doing it, that is enough.

How would you feel if you couldn't dance any more?

About ten years ago I had to stop dancing for a while because of injury. I realised then that yes, dance is in my life but it is not my whole life. I could survive without it. I like dancing - a lot. I prefer it to choreographing because that is more about me.

Will you get to see any UK dance companies perform while you are here? And what do you like to see when you go to the theatre?

I don't have the time to see any other dance companies.

When they perform, we are performing. When I go to the theatre I want to see something that will make me think about what I'm watching. I want to see good, honest art that changes perceptions and that maybe one day will change your life.

What will audiences in Milton Keynes enjoy most about the three pieces that you are performing here?

I don't know. I try to enjoy myself and I hope they will too.

And finally, what do you think of the weather in the UK?

Ha-ha-ha! One conversation that we seem to have every day between us is about how you live here if you never see the sun? In Cuba we see the sun all the time.

Here you don't even get to see your body most days, which is strange for us because in Cuba we spend our lives in shorts and t-shirts.

REVIEW

IF YOU think you're in for an evening of Latin American dance, à la Saturday night Strictly, think again. Danze Contemporanea de Cuba does passion but without predictability.

The Caribbean nation's flagship dance company wowed audiences when it first toured the UK in 2010.

Now it is appearing in MK with a triple bill of dynamic, if challenging, contemporary dance.

If I didn't quite 'get' Sombrisa, choreographed by Itzik Galili and set to a relentless track of madness-inducing drumming, I don't think it was entirely my fault. Wearing boxing gloves, the company of 20-plus dancers hared about the stage, ducking and diving, bobbing and weaving. Had I known then what I know now - that boxing in Cuba is second only to baseball as the national sport - it might have made a difference.

Carmen?!, choreographed by Kenneth Kvanrstrom, is a pastiche of Bizet's opera set to elements of the original score and featuring seven male dancers who perform every role with glorious, tongue-in-cheek dedication. It is fantastic fun.

Mambo 3XXl, created by resident dancer and choreographer George Cespedes, kicks off with what appears to be a 1940s PE class. The participants, all dressed in white vests and sensible navy blue shorts, perform a series of rigidly drilled moves reminiscent of a North Korean military parade.

But just as the times are changing Communism in 21st century Cuba, so the seductive Latin American beat gradually works its magic on the youthful dancers setting them free both sensually and spiritually.

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The apartments are a perfect choice for the business traveller and stays can be from as little as one night. There are no expensive extras to consider such as minibars, restaurants, room service and laundry, and the cost is per apartment (not per person) meaning there are significant cost savings and employees can keep well within their travel budgets. You can experience a whole apartment from as little as £70 per night.

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For more details call the reservations team on 01908 664516 or 07736 146800 and they will be happy to assist you with your private or corporate reservation.

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How many sites in Central Milton Keynes do City Stay Apartments have?

To enter, send your answer, along with your name, address, and daytime telephone number, to MK NEWS, 1 Diamond Court, Fox Milne, MK15 0DU, or e-mail competitions@mk-news.co.uk.

Closing date for entries is Wendesday, June 6 and the editor's decision is final. The winner will be notified and the editor's decision is final.

STONYLIVE!

THE hugely popular festival of music, dance and the arts in Stony Stratford is back.

As has become tradition for the StonyLive! festival, the first day will feature a Town Barn Dance with The Blisworth Tunnel Rats in Market Square on Saturday at 6.30pm.

After the jubilee celebrations have calmed down the fun continues with the Pipe Shop Boyz and Girl at The Cock Hotel on Wednesday at 8pm. The evening has an eclectic mix of Scottish, Irish and American music, plus a few surprises; using small pipes, vocals, bodhran, guitar, mandolin and whistle. Free.

Also at The Cock Inn on Wednesday is One Step Beyond from 8pm. A celebration of the diverse dance, music and song traditions of the British Isles and beyond, including clog, appalachian and morris dance, music, song and drama. Free.

If 60s, 70s and 80s music is more up your street then Craig Live is on at the Naidni from 7pm with some Irish, comedy and original tracks thrown into the mix. Tickets £12.

Looking to get back to the good old days? Boom Baby Boom at The Crown is a celebration of the swinging 60s. Doors open at 7.30pm. Tickets £5.

Richie Reno steps aside from his guitar duties with New Town Killers to present his solo show A Quiet Night In at The Fox and Hounds from 9.15pm. His is an evening of influential and intimate songs, chosen to both entertain and surprise and features special guests The Renegades. Free.

Moving onto Thursday, Terry Marshall and The Hounds are at The Fox and Hounds from 8.30pm. Now in its third year, experience MK's premier local jazz and blues scene at a weekly jam of first class musicians and singers. Free.

Bejazzled! at The Old George from 8.45pm is a 'Battle of the Bands'. Beatles vs Rolling Stones 1960s. Vote for your favourite as Bejazzled! plus special guest guitarists play hits from both bands. Free.

For those with more unusual musical tastes Norwegian rock band Temet Nosce are at The Cock from 8.30pm. Demonstrating powerful rock with lyrics that moves you in to a direct experience of self. In 2012 their hit song was number one on the radio 102 top 40. Tickets £5.

Away from the music scene, True Stories Told Live is at The Cock Hotel from 8pm. Five people each have 20 minutes to tell a true story about themselves. Free.

The Bard of Stony Stratford presents: An Evening With The Bard and Friends at The Crown from 7.30pm. This offers a chance to see the Bard in action along with a vibrant and diverse selection of spoken word performers. Free.

For a full listing of events visit www.stonylive.info.

FILM REVIEW

MEN IN BLACK III (PG)

Synopsis: Silly time-travelling alien romp with your old, old favourites
Who's in it: Will Smith, Tommy Lee Jones, Josh Brolin

JUST when you thought the arguments about whether Hollywood is running out of ideas were over, along comes this joyous second sequel - but perhaps we should not immediately roll our eyes at this latest flick from the seemingly never-ending conveyor belt of safe sequels.

Men in Black is unarguably the best sci-fi family comedy in cinematc history, so now is perhaps a good time to introduce the younger audience members to the original two films, and reintroduce yourself to what is now sure to become a classic trilogy.

In this installment, Agent J (Will Smith) must travel back to 1969 and team up with a young Agent K (Josh Brolin) to uncover the secrets of a mystery which has K the elder (Tommy Lee Jones) at its centre. But he has just 24 hours to complete his mission or he'll be trapped in the past.

Standard time-travelling fare, with the usual giant-slimy-alien-fights-Will-Smith scenarios thrown in for old times' sake.

But the point is, you know exactly what you are going to get with this.

No, it might not be original, but actually there are a lot of laughs, and the special effects are well worth a watch on the big screen.

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DAILY LIFE

TOMORROW

RECREATION of the herb garden at City Discovery Centre, with BTCV Green Gym. Meet at the centre's car park, off Alston Road, Stacey Bushes, 9.30am-1pm, free.

FRIDAY

BIG Tidy Up with BTCV Railway Walk Conservation Group, 10.30am-3pm. Pick litter, pull up weeds and cut back overhanging branches in the Sandy Close part of the Railway Walk. Meet at Sandy Close, Great Linford.

MK PEACE and Justice Network, talk by Peter Facey of Unlock Democracy, 8.15pm, The Well at Willen. Free. All welcome. Call 01908 561365.

SOUL Power, live soul/funk with Soul Selecta and DJ, Red Dot Bar, stadiummk. Quarterly night of great live soul/funk with quality six-piece local band Soul Selecta fronted by Nicky Prince and DJ Mr Magic. Tickets from www.ticketsource.co.uk/soulpower cost £4 single/£12 group of four. Tickets are also available on the door for £6 single/£20 group of four on the door. Starts 8pm.

EYECANDI Ladies Night, Jurys Inn. Hosting your evening is a fantastic funny drag queen and to entertain you are three of the UK's top male strippers. Table waiter service and disco. Doors open at 7.15pm. To book call 07919 035896, or 07534 366829. Standard ticket £20, VIP ticket £25.

SATURDAY

BEGINNING of the association championships of the UK National Model Yachting Association, Furzton Lake. Go to www.myauk.wordpress.com for details.

SUNDAY

MK RAMBLERS' eight-mile circular walk. Meet in Akeley near Buckingham by the Bull and Butcher PH (GR SP708377) at 10am. Bring refreshments. Call 01908 607215 for more information.

SUNDAY Stroll, Forest of Marston Vale. A gentle Sunday walk in the country park to hear how the park was set up and a little about the surrounding area. The walk will keep to hard surfaced tracks which are mostly level but have short sections of gradient up to 1:9. Call 01234 767037 for more details. Costs £1, payable on the day. Meet at reception at 10.30am.

MONDAY

OPENING of Tractor Week, Mead Open Farm. Until June 8 it's tractor crazy at Mead Open Farm. Watch the HayBale Challenge, a massive bale-moving bonanza with two huge tractors and two very competitive farmers. Board Mead Open Farm's very own tractor and trailer rides and join in more tractor fun including the chance to win a prize on the special trail. For more information and prices visit www.meadopenfarm.co.uk, or call 01525 852954.

TUESDAY

MK SUMMER of Culture Exhibition Opening, Central Library. Celebrating the major events and organisations that are unique to Milton Keynes, this exhibition will look at the fascinating past, present and future heritage, arts, sports and wider cultural stories as we move through the summer culminating in London 2012. From Alan Turing to IF. Until September 21.

WEDNESDAY

FAMILY History Talk: Trade Tokens, Methodist Hall, Queensway, Bletchley. Trevor Owens talks to members of the Buckinghamshire Family History Society about the use of trade tokens, and how they were used in the past as a means of supporting the local economy. At 7.15 for 7.30pm. Free. Non-members welcome, but a small donation is appreciated. See www.bucksfhs.org.uk for more information.

WOBURN SAFARI PARK

IN HONOUR of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, Woburn Safari Park is holding a very special picnic - and the guests will be your teddy bears.

Bring your family and your favourite teddy to the park on Monday and take part in some extra special half-term fun.

You can enter your bear into the Best Dressed Bear Competition at the Trading Post and be in with the chance of winning the star prize of an Up Close Encounter with your choice of animal. You can also try and guess the name of the teddy bear cake, to win it as a delicious prize.

Join Benjamin Bear to learn more about Woburn Safari Park's black bears and why the park is raising money for Moon Bear Rescue in the Birds in Action arena.

Plus it's storytime in the afternoon, so bring your own bear along.

You can also embark on the Honey Pot Quiz Trail as you wander through the Animal Encounters walk through enclosures

Get your special Teddy Bear's Picnic tickets in advance online, for children aged three to 15, which includes a delicious picnic box and a Diamond Jubilee Teddy with his own mug.

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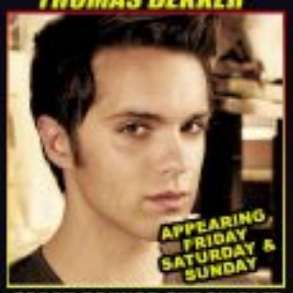

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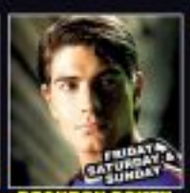

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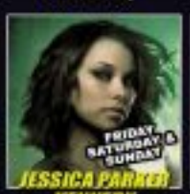

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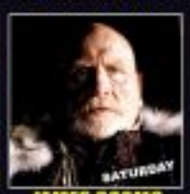

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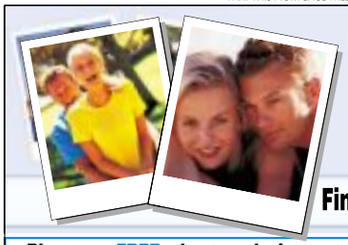

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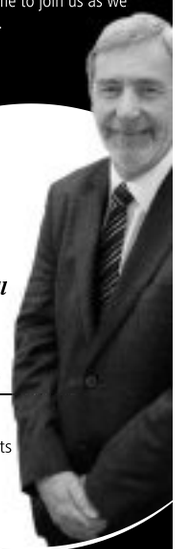

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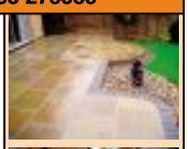
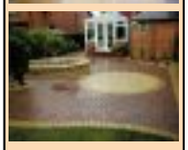
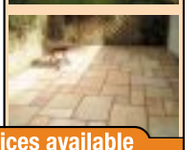

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THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
(THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (VARIOUS ROADS, LINFORD WOOD) (PROHIBITION OF WAITING RESTRICTIONS) ORDER 2011) VARIATION ORDER 2012

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes proposes to make an Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 which will affect all classes of vehicle and will have the effect of prohibiting vehicles from waiting at any time within parts of Breckland, Linford Wood, Milton Keynes, as follows:-

North-west side
From its junction with the slip road from the V7 Saxon Street, continuing for a distance of approximately 365.5 metres in a north-easterly direction.

South-east side
From its junction with the V7 Saxon Street, continuing for a distance of approximately 80 metres in a north-easterly direction;
From a point approximately 90 metres north-east of its junction with the V7 Saxon Street, continuing for a distance of approximately 12 metres in a north-easterly direction;
From a point approximately 138.6 metres north-east of its junction with the V7 Saxon Street, continuing for a distance of approximately 57 metres in a north-easterly direction;
From a point approximately 257.4 metres north-east of its junction with the V7 Saxon Street, continuing for a distance of approximately 30 metres in a north-easterly direction;
From a point approximately 387.5 metres north-east of its junction with the V7 Saxon Street, continuing for a distance of approximately 13 metres in a north-easterly direction.

Exemptions from the proposed Order include emergency service vehicles, military vehicles, statutory undertakers, building, demolition and excavation, disabled persons badge holders, and some others.

A copy of the proposed Order together with map showing the areas referred to and a Statement of Reasons for proposing the Order may be inspected during opening hours at Milton Keynes Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes and during normal office hours at Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes.

Any objections to the proposals, together with the grounds on which they are made, must be **made in writing** and sent to the undersigned **to be received** no later than 22 June 2012 quoting reference BAS-P&E-005360-1949.

Philip McCourt, Assistant Director – Law & Governance 30 May 2012
Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes

(THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
(ADMIRAL DRIVE (PART), HAZELEY) (PROHIBITION OF WAITING RESTRICTIONS) ORDER 2012

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes proposes to make an order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 which will affect all classes of vehicle and will have the effect of prohibiting vehicles from waiting at any time within part of Admiral Drive, Hazeley, Milton Keynes, as follows:-

West and south side
From a point approximately 45.8 metres north of a point in line with the northern kerbline of the H5 Portway, continuing for a distance of approximately 28 metres in a northerly then westerly direction.

Exemptions from the proposed order include emergency service vehicles, military vehicles, statutory undertakers, building, demolition and excavation, disabled persons badge holders, and some others.

A copy of the proposed order together with map showing the areas referred to and a Statement of Reasons for proposing the Order may be inspected during opening hours at Milton Keynes Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes and during normal office hours at Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes.

Any objections to the proposals, together with the grounds on which they are made, must be **made in writing** and sent to the undersigned **to be received** no later than 22 June 2012 quoting reference BAS-P&E-005361-1950.

Philip McCourt, Assistant Director – Law & Governance 30 May 2012
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Milton Keynes Council

The following applications may be inspected at the Planning, Economy and Development Department, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes. Representations, if any, to be submitted in writing to the above address within 21 days of the publication of this notice.

SECTION 73 WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA

12/00950/FUL Insertion of door into existing opening to rear of property to seal the property from the elements at 6 Bridge Street, Olney.

12/00967/FUL Erection of a first floor rear extension at 3 Spring Lane, Clifton Reynes.

12/01056/FUL Change of use of existing kitchen to retail (use class A1) and use of outdoor space for mixed seating area and retail space (mixed use class A1/A3) at 83 High Street, Stony Stratford.

12/01079/FUL Demolition of existing bungalow and erection of 2 no. two-storey, three-bed dwellings at 32 Broughton Road, Milton Keynes Village.

SECTION 67 & 73 LISTED BUILDING WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA

12/00997/FUL Conversion of former Working Men's Club into 2 x dwellings; demolition of two storey toilet block to rear; erection of new orangery to No.20 to undertake major internal works; installation of new pitched roof over exiting flat roof at 18-20 London Road, Stony Stratford.

12/00998/LBC Listed building consent for the conversion of former Working Men's Club into 2 dwellings; demolition of two storey toilet-block to rear; erection of new orangery to No.20 to undertake major internal works; installation of new pitched roof over exiting flat roof at 18-20 London Road, Stony Stratford.

Nick Fenwick, Assistant Director of Planning, Economy and Development

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT (AS AMENDED)
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) ORDER 2010
NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13
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12/01091/MKPCR Reserved Matters Application pursuant to Outline Planning Permission 04/01072/MKPCO for the erection of building for the manufacture and distribution of soft drinks (Use Classes B2 & B8) with ancillary offices and plant; formation of parking areas, landscaping and extension of Crossley Drive, at Plot 240, Crossley Drive, Magna Park, Milton Keynes.

Sheila Keene, Head of Strategic Policy and Planning, Homes and Communities Agency

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
(VARIOUS ROADS, EAGLESTONE) (PROHIBITION OF WAITING AND LOADING) ORDER 2012

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes proposes to make an Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 which will affect all classes of vehicle and will have the following effects in parts of roads within Eaglestone:-

- The introduction of 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions along those parts of Harrier Drive and Harrier Court, near to Falconhurst Combined School;
- The introduction of 'No Loading/Unloading' restrictions, Monday to Friday between the hours of 8.00am to 9.30am and 2.30pm to 3.30pm, along those parts of Harrier Drive and Harrier Court, near to Falconhurst Combined School.

Exemptions from the proposed Order include: emergency service vehicles, military vehicles, statutory undertakers, building, demolition and excavation, disabled persons badge holders, and some others.

Copies of the proposed Order together with maps showing the areas referred to and a Statement of Reasons for proposing the Order may be inspected during opening hours at Milton Keynes Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes and during normal office hours at Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes.

Any objections to the proposals, together with the grounds on which they are made, must be **made in writing** and sent to the undersigned **to be received** no later than 22 June 2012 quoting reference WL-P&E-005371-1953.

Philip McCourt, Assistant Director – Law & Governance 30 May 2012
Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
(OLD GROVEWAY (PART), SIMPSON) (PROHIBITION OF WAITING AND LOADING) ORDER 2012

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes proposes to make an Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 which will affect all classes of vehicle and will have the following effects in part of Old Groveway, Simpson:-

- The introduction of 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions along that part of Old Groveway, near to Simpson Combined School;
- The introduction of 'No Loading/Unloading' restrictions, Monday to Friday between the hours of 8.00am to 9.30am and 2.30pm to 3.30pm, along that part of Old Groveway, near to Simpson Combined School.

Exemptions from the proposed Order include: emergency service vehicles, military vehicles, statutory undertakers, building, demolition and excavation, disabled persons badge holders, and some others.

Copies of the proposed Order together with maps showing the areas referred to and a Statement of Reasons for proposing the Order may be inspected during opening hours at Milton Keynes Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes and during normal office hours at Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes.

Any objections to the proposals, together with the grounds on which they are made, must be **made in writing** and sent to the undersigned **to be received** no later than 22 June 2012 quoting reference WL-P&E-005370-1952.

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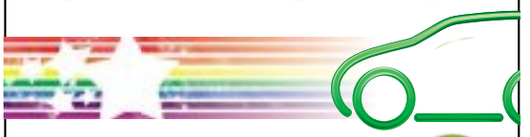

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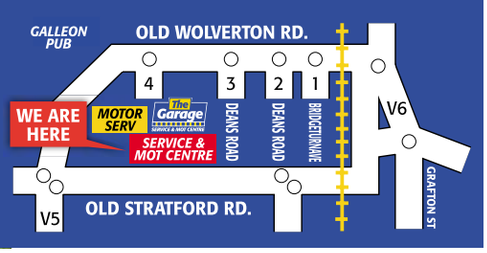

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Cherwell League Division One

THERE was a first win of the season for Bletchley Town who saw off rivals Great Brickhill by 72 runs.

Opener Paul Strong carried his bat through Bletchley's opening innings of 211/7, finishing unbeaten on 90 in a knock which ensured stability as wickets fell around him.

Great Brickhill were unable to get near the total despite 49 from Andy Ward, who was one of four victims for Wasim Fayyaz (4/52).

He wasn't the pick of the bowlers though as that honour belonged to Graham Simpson (4/36) who was pivotal as Great Brickhill fell for just 139.

Northamptonshire Cricket League

STONY Stratford lost to Northampton Saints by six wickets after a top order failure at Ostlers Lane.

After electing to bat, number two Mihir Choksi hit a fine 63 but nobody else in the top five was able to score higher than six.

Habib Ullah (4/39) was the pick of the Stony bowlers as his side defended 162/9, but Saints had enough in the tank to make it home after 46.1 overs.

Four Counties League Division One

MILTON Keynes CC (196/7) comfortably beat Eggington Foresters (114 all out) by 82 runs.

Jalil Sear top scored for MK with 50 after his side had elected to bat and some devastating bowling ensured that Eggington's top six only scored 11 runs between them.

Foresters recovered but MK closed out the win which sees them sit second in the league behind Eaton Bray (177/8) who beat Olney Town (63 all out) by 114 runs.

Elsewhere, there was a four wicket win for MK City (128/6) over New Bradwell (126 all out) and a heavy eight wicket defeat for Newport Pagnell (125 all out) against North Crawley (128/2).

New City MK (166/7) played out a losing draw against Elstow (261/5).

BMX

IZZY Ferrada finished fourth, fifth and fourth in three heats at the World Championships in Birmingham this weekend.

The highly regarded 16-year-old competed against the best in the world at the NIA but could not qualify for the quarter finals.

KARTING

THE newly formed Milton Keynes Meteors competed together for the first time in the Elite Karting League at Bayford Meadows.

They finished in the top ten in five of the 16 sprint races including a fourth and fifth place, before coming 11th in the 'race of champions'.

In the one hour enduro qualifying, the team only managed to qualify in 19th. By the half way stage they were lying in fourth but they struggled towards the end of the race and dropped back to 17th.

However, in race two, having started from 17th more progress was made, and by the chequered flag at the end of the 62 laps the Meteors had meteorically risen to sixth place.

SWIMMING

CITY of Milton Keynes Swim Club swimmer Lucy Chenery won three gold medals at the British Learning Disability Championships at Ponds Forge in Sheffield.

She won the 100m, 200m and 400m freestyle and also came second in the 100m backstroke.

Meanwhile, club members also competed at the south east regional age group championships in Crawley at the weekend.

Oliver Lines won gold in the 200m butterfly and Charlotte Evans (400m freestyle) and Isobel Jones (100m freestyle) both won silver medals with personal best times.

Helen Odams picked up a silver for 200m backstroke in the 11-year-old age group.

RUGBY LEAGUE

MK WOLVES are still searching for the first victory since their formation after a 36-24 defeat to Bury Titans at Emerson Valley.

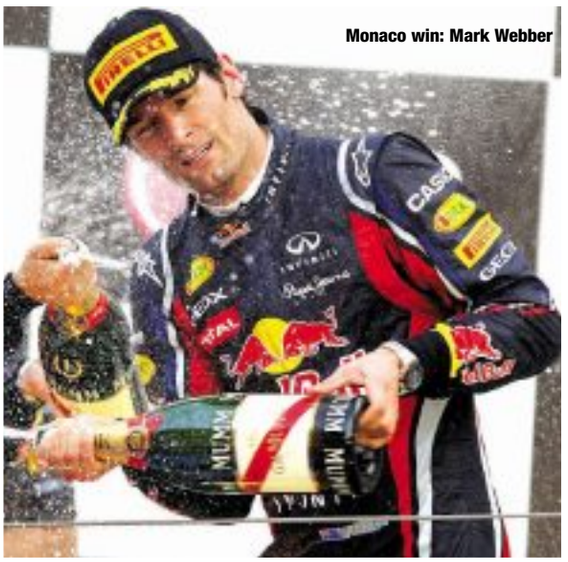
The new club, in their debut season in the Eastern League, failed to recover from mistakes in the first half which saw them trail 22-6, the home try coming from David Brown.

It was a much better display following the restart, with two tries from Kieran McConnell, and scores from Daniel Rolfe and Orama Chirmo reduced the margin of Bury's lead.

FORMULA ONE

Second Monaco win for flawless Webber

RED Bull Racing's Mark Webber ensured that the Formula One season started with a remarkable six winners from the first six races after he clinched his second victory at the prestigious Monaco Grand Prix.



Monaco win: Mark Webber

After claiming pole position the Australian was rarely troubled on the streets of the principality as he drove his way right into the world championship race.

Webber, often dismissed as the team's number two driver, proved that he is anything but as he always looked in control at the front of a clustered pack.

With overtaking difficult on the narrow Monaco circuit cars were often seen driving bumper to bumper, but there was no way past the Australian as rain fell in the closing stages.

Team mate Sebastian Vettel, who started down in ninth, recovered to finish fourth.

The German, who could stay out longer after starting on more durable tires, was able to temporarily lead the race before slipping back off the podium.

He has now fallen to second in the drivers standings after Fernando Alonso's third place in Monaco saw the Spaniard claim a three point lead at the top.

Webber and Vettel are now locked level behind him on 73 points in an unpredictable season which seems to be anyone's for the taking.

Red Bull have won the last three races in Monaco and the city team survived rumours of a protest this time around, with suggestions that a rival team would issue a complaint about an illegal car floor proving unfounded.

Webber, speaking after his second Monaco win, said: "There were different parts of the race where I had to be incredibly focused and make sure we capitalised on the positioning we had.

"A friend of mine sent me a text message and said 'you're in charge, you're in front and in charge' and we were, but you can get bitten here very quickly."

In the Constructors' Championship it was a good day for Red Bull who extended their lead at the top 38 points following another disappointing weekend for nearest rivals McLaren who continue to struggle with their pit stops.

It is the first time that six different drivers have won the first six races, in a topsy-turvy campaign which some have put down to difficulties getting to grips with the behaviour of Pirelli tyres.

ICE HOCKEY

Barry retires after almost 700 games

LIGHTNING will take to the ice next season without a familiar face – veteran net minder Barry Hollyhead.

The 36-year-old stopper, *pictured*, has played almost 700 games during his career but has now decided to hang up his skates.

About half of his appearances have been in Lightning colours and he certainly endeared himself to the city faithful thanks to rearguard performances which proved to be crucial in bringing several pieces of silverware to MK.

He said: "I considered playing one more season, but due to some unforeseen circumstances this is now not possible.

"So, after thinking about it I have decided to call it a day on my playing career which has given me the pleasure of playing for Telford, Blackburn, Solihull, Coventry and Milton Keynes.

"But I'm leaving MK in very safe hands in Alex Mettam - he's an outstanding goalie and has already proven this, even at a young age."

Twenty-four-year-old Mettam has signed on for another Lightning season and is now an integral part of the defence.

Player coach Nick Poole was full of praise for the departing

Hollyhead. He said: "Barry has been instrumental over the last eight years in not only helping us win trophies, but in helping to create a team environment that is second to none.

"He's been a rock for us and has provided us with the base to create a very tight defence, and he gave the team great confidence whenever he played.

"He has been a massive part of many of our trophy winning campaigns and was always a dependable performer in the big games."

Poole has already moved to bring in another net minder by signing 30-year-old Stephen Wall.

The former Peterborough Phantoms stalwart will challenge Mettam for a place between the sticks.

"Stephen single-handedly beat us on several occasions when he played for Peterborough," Poole said.

ATHLETICS

Rutherford leaps to a valuable win in Rabat

CITY long jumper Greg Rutherford continued his preparations for the Olympics in fine fashion with victory at the Meeting International Mohammed VI in the Moroccan capital Rabat.

The MK Athletic Club star recorded a best effort of 8.17m with slight wind assistance to win ahead of Russian Aleksandr Menkov.

British rival Chris Tomlinson was further back with a distance of 8.01m.

Meanwhile, fellow city Olympian Mervyn Luckwell came fourth in the javelin with a throw of 74.67m.

Luckwell achieved the Olympic A standard distance last week, with a throw of 82.15m which was enough to win the Loughborough International.

The news was a boost for the city after sprinter Craig Pickering announced that he would not be fit for the Olympics because he requires back surgery.

Elsewhere, MK took part in the opening round of the UK Women's League season, finishing fourth after an exciting meet where only 11 and a half points separated the top five clubs.

Two excellent runs by Kadi-Ann Thomas secured wins in both the 100m and 200m, and there was another victory in the 4x100m relay.

There were double wins in the discus thanks to Emma Beales' 39.29m and Andrea Jenkins' 38.21m, with the latter then winning the hammer with a throw of 48.84m, in which Kayleigh Presswell threw 46.92m for clean sweep. A great pole vault of 3.90m by Lucy Bryan also secured first place.

TOURING CARS

Nash goes to Portugal

JAMES Nash has admitted that it's 'surreal' to already be at the half way stage of his debut World Touring Cars season.

The city racer has picked up 12 championship points in his inaugural outing and has secured the best race result (sixth) and best qualifying performance (fourth) in a Ford in the modern era.

However, the Focus driver, racing for Team Aon, has also found it tough going at times as he looks to a adapt to life on the global stage.

Developing the car and unfortunate crashes have provided challenges, but Nash believes that the year was always going to be a learning exercise as the season heads for Portugal this weekend.

Last season's British Touring Cars Independents champion currently finds himself 16th in the overall standings, with reigning champion Yvan Muller leading the way.

Nash said: "I'm looking forward to driving in Portugal. We're making steady progress with the development of the Focus and I hope that the Portimao circuit will suit the car and allow us to demonstrate just how far we've come with it."

"When we set out in March to the first round at Monza we said that this season would be a learning exercise as we developed the new car.

"We also said that we hoped by the final round in November to be regularly featuring in the top ten.

"I don't think we're too far off doing that now so I'd say we are well on course.

The Portuguese races will be held at the Algarve International Circuit and mark the beginning of the second half of this season's races.

"It is a bit surreal to think that we've reached the halfway part of the season already," Nash said.

After Portugal Nash faces a long wait before he races again, with the next round in Brazil not scheduled until July 22.

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Another crack at promotion

•Boss confirms that he'll be at Dons next season

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DONS manager Karl Robinson has finally confirmed that he will lead the club's promotion charge next season.

The highly regarded young boss had caused anxiety among Dons fans by remaining tight-lipped on his future after the play-off agony against Huddersfield.

Admirers of the talented manager will come from far and wide but Robinson is clearly devoted to the long term project being worked on at stadiummk.

He had previously claimed that there was a lot of water left to come under the bridge when questioned about his future, but when asked by MK SPORT this week whether he could confirm his appearance in the Dons dugout on opening day, he said: "I'll be here, don't you worry about that."

The manager added: "I think my future is written in the fact that you've seen movements and developments at the club in the last few months.

"I've signed a three year rolling contract and Mick Harford and Ian Wright have come in.

"I can't wait, I'm looking forward to next season.

"Once I've recharged my batteries, I'll be coming back a different man, ready and raring to go."

Staying: Karl Robinson

Robinson, who could not bring himself to watch Huddersfield win the play-off final on Sunday, is inevitably linked with numerous jobs which become available by many sources.

But for now it seems like he is committed to a third straight season in English football's third tier.

When previously declining to confirm his future, he said that a meeting with chairman Pete Winkelman was due to be held to ensure that everybody was 'singing from the same hymn sheet'.

This has now taken place and appears to have been productive.

"We had a really good chat, Robinson said.

"We've got a few things we have to sort out but it went really, really well."

Talks: Alan Smith

Smith staying put?

DONS have opened talks with marquee loan signing Alan Smith to try and make his switch to stadiummk a permanent one.

The former England midfielder made the shock move to the club from Newcastle in January and securing his signature on a permanent basis would be seen as an even bigger coup.

Smith, who does not have a future at Newcastle and would be available as a free agent, discussed becoming a permanent Don while playing golf with manager Karl Robinson at Wentworth.

Making the move would mean a significant wage cut and Smith does have other options at home and abroad.

However, Dons believe that the player is not solely motivated by money and Robinson's comments last week – when he said that if he was at the club he was confident Smith would be – are also encouraging.

Robinson made the same statement about fellow midfield man Stephen Gleeson, who is currently deciding whether to stay at Dons by signing a new contract the club has offered him.

The play-off failure against Huddersfield sparked fears that the Irishman would leave as he has expressed a strong desire to play at a higher level.

However, as with Smith, Robinson believes that talks between both player and club are progressing well.

"Stephen wants a few assurances," Robinson said.

Meanwhile the boss, and his new coaching team of Mick Harford and Ian Wright, are hoping to tie up deals to bring new players in.

Robinson has insisted that nobody is for sale, no matter what transfer bids come in, and he wants a right back, a centre back and a striker in a larger squad of 22 players.

Loan recalls and injuries mean that Dons haven't had a regular right-back this season, while a centre back would allow Shaun Williams to push into the midfield. A new striker will provide assistance for Charlie MacDonald.

"We're trying to get a few things done and dusted," Robinson said. "We're going through targets, speaking to agents and trying to get deals done.

"The reason I don't want to sell is I want to build and make our strong team even better.

"There's one or two clubs who are interested in two players, but we've got to make sure we keep our bottle."

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